

Annotation of the paper

1. Title: Innovation and/or technology transfer (Which is the driver of local economy?)

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5. Content (max. 25 lines)

a) Main goal of paper: At the beginning I overview the main innovation topics of 20th century and the predictable ones for 21st century. After this paragraph I briefly introduce the concept of innovation and technology transfer, and their importance at the regional level. Then on the basis a questionnaire survey carried out among Békés County entrepreneurs I present the possible reactions for innovation challenges of 21st century.

b) Content of paper: Nowadays the most important thing for the economic growth is the innovation or in other words modernization, consequently the innovation diffusion and the technology transfer. All countries what choose the innovation for primary investment objective, they achieved relatively high economic growth, for example USA, Germany, Ireland, Japan...etc. It is evident that, like technology transfer, the innovation as well has to be spread not only between countries but also between regions within a country. In the scientific literature, a significant response was given to Eugene S. Meier's ideas, published in the book "21st Century Innovations", in which 22 topics were formulated for innovation. For each of the 22 topics four possible answers were given to choose in our questionnaire, as follows:

- a. Békés County has sufficient intellectual capital to get involved to technological innovation.
- b. A focused training and the innovation oriented education could give a chance to get involved in the innovation for the county.
- c. Békés County can only be an adaptor of technologies, developed elsewhere i.e. can be only the receiving end of technology transfer.
- d. Békés County cannot get involved to this topic of innovation.

c) Achieved results

1. The number of possible 240 respondents answer in 32 cases it was thought that the county can participate in the 21st century innovation in challenges while in 53 cases it was considered that focused training will give a chance.

2. The county can be only an adopter of technical innovation were the answers in 107 cases and the respondents thought the same number of times, that the county cannot get involved in the innovation process. More details in the paper.

6. Key words: Hungary, innovation, technology transfer, Békés County, regional