

FOREWORD

Dynamic changes in the environment of economic organisations significantly affect their functioning. On the one hand, these changes create opportunities for economic entities, bringing more opportunities and perspectives for their development, while on the other hand, they impose certain limitations and may pose a serious threat. The variability of changes in time and space creates a constant need for organisations to adapt to such a changing environment. This adaptability involves both the rapid identification of changing conditions and the development of appropriate development strategies. The nature of changes, their direction, and the intensity of their impact mean that the adaptation processes cover many aspects of the reality: economic, socio-cultural, political, legal, and technical. The decisions undertaken not only affect the competitive position of the organisation, but also trigger specific consequences in the further and closer environment. The organisation's interaction with its environment means that the strategies should assume attention not only to the achievement of economic success, but also to social relations and the natural environment. This publication from the series Silesian University of Technology. Scientific Papers. Organization and Management Series. Contemporary management is concerned with such challenges faced by organisations in the modern world. The authors of 44 articles from numerous Polish research centers focus on a number of issues in the field of organisation, management, and decision-making strategies in organisations in the broad sense. The papers presented in this issue concern: human resources management, strategic management, quality management, knowledge management, intellectual property management, production management, information management, organisational culture management, health care management, financial management, international management, risk management, environmental management, service management, issues of multidimensional consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, implementation of artificial intelligence and IT technologies, development of renewable energy sources and smart cities, aspects of sustainable social development and corporate social responsibility.

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