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The main goal of the work is to create a model of university social responsibility, but with a clear limitation at this stage of research to public economic universities in Poland. This goal is to be a response to the gap related to the lack of an unambiguous definition of how the compliance with the principles of social responsibility by the university should look like.

The main hypothesis adopted is that building and implementing elements of the social responsibility model will facilitate and accelerate the adaptation of universities to the changing expectations of stakeholders. Therefore, the hypothesis assumes that the functioning of universities based on the developed model of social responsibility will help in making decisions in accordance with the changing expectations of stakeholders resulting from civilization changes.

The first chapter of the work will be devoted to the mission of the university. In the literature on the subject, there is a distinction between three university missions. The first two missions are historically shaped (cognitive-research mission and educational mission), while the third mission (social mission) appears more and more often in the literature as a response to the changes taking place.

The second chapter of the work will be devoted to the evolution of the concept of social responsibility in the light of humanistic management. This chapter examines the impact of external expectations on the functioning of the university. University stakeholders will also be identified based on the selected university missions.

The third chapter of the work will be a reference of the theoretical considerations contained in the first and second chapter to reality. This chapter presents research conducted at public economic universities in Poland.

The fourth chapter will be the culmination of research carried out at public economic universities in Poland. In this chapter, the level of social responsibility of public economic universities in Poland will be assessed on the basis of the results of the research conducted under chapter three. Then, a model of a socially responsible university will be proposed, based on the example of the studied universities. The final part of the chapter describes the verification of hypotheses and the implementation of the assumed research goals.

The culmination of the thesis will be the presentation of recommendations, both in the practical dimension, for universities that decide to implement the elements of the social responsibility model, and in theoretical dimension. Further directions of research and development of the issues of social responsibility of universities will be presented.