

Enriching and complementing the knowledge about international economic position in foreign trade and supplementing the gap in the existing studies by emphasizing i.a. the role and importance of intra-industry trade in development of the international competitive position of state economies in the process of economic integration and trade liberalization. It is crucial especially because the theory of intra-industry trade is still open - the economists has not yet developed even commonly acceptable definition of the phenomenon, that practical and theoretical importance is steadily increasing. Intra-industry trade indicators are in fact one of the most important quantitative measures of competitive position, as well as one of the most important factors indicating the degree of the real adaptation to the requirements of the single market. Intra-industry trade measures also the extent of structural changes initiated by the trade liberalization.

The analysis of the literature proves that these issues are of interest to economists in the world. However, the existing international studies are focused on developed and industrialized countries, often bypassing the CEE, the Balkans and the rest of the economic transformation economies. Available studies do not respond well to the question whether intra-industry trade is more or less resistant to negative external factors (global economic crisis) and do not take into account the impact of accession (removal of barriers on the Single Market) on intra-industry trade. The proposed project will complement these important gaps in the existing research studies.

The proposed project complies with the criteria of basic research. It relates to the original theoretical-empirical analysis in economics and international economic relations. Its primary purpose is to extend the knowledge about the importance of intraindustry trade for the competitiveness of the state economies. This project is not set to direct practical application or use of its conclusions and findings – it consists, in particular, on the analysis of available statistical data, books and articles, which relate to the theoretical and practical aspects of intra-industry trade. It is intended as a source of theoretical knowledge about the development of intra-industry trade as a special economic phenomenon.

The project does not have the characteristics of conventional, practical research or industrial research as the results will not be applicable in practice . Moreover, this analysis does not apply to existing products, processes and services. Conducted research does not have the characteristics of the market and commercial usefulness