

## **Self-employment from Polish and international perspective**

### **Description for the general public (in English)**

The main objective of the Project is to contribute to better understanding of the self-employment phenomenon, i.e. conducting economic activity without employees. Self-employment plays important role in the Polish economy and such role will grow parallel with the socio-economic progress. The population of self-employed is diversified with differentiating impact of particular segments on socio-economic development.

A comparative analysis will be carried out of the trends in self-employment in Poland as compared with those prevailing in other developed countries, particularly Netherlands and Germany. Particular focus will be placed on the diversification of self-employment sector and its key characteristics like demographic factors, occupational status, motivation and growth aspirations as well as industry in which self-employed operate.

Research shall contribute to better understanding of the self-employment phenomenon in the context of increasing role of the “intermediate zone” between employment and running an employer firm in the modern economy. We shall contribute to the existing body of knowledge by providing a deeper insight into the internal diversification of the population of self-employed.