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Dear Colleagues,

on behalf of the organizing committee I have the honor to invite you to participate in the 8th International Conference on Regional Development entitled **„Socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in a regional perspective”**, which will be held on-line on May 21, 2021. The initiators of the conference are the Department of Economic Policy and Regional Studies at the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun and the Centre for Central and Eastern Europe Studies at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun. Previous conferences, like the current one, were devoted to issues related to broadly understood regional development, with particular emphasis on the regions of Central and Eastern Europe. Meetings were organized in Ciechocinek and Torun. Each time they gathered a large group of representatives of the world of science and practitioners dealing with issues related to local and regional policy at the national and international level. The current crisis related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to a very difficult socio-economic situation all over the world, has also prevented meetings as they have been so far.

The aim of the conference is to analyze the economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and to try to identify solutions leading to their minimization in regions, in particular in Central and Eastern Europe.

We hope that this conference, like the previous ones, will be of great interest to theoreticians, economic practitioners and local government authorities, and that it will be an impulse for further scientific research and searching for practical solutions in this area.

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