

Characterisation of specific problems of old industrialised cities and regions: Region of Stredne Povazie (Central Povazie, Slovakia)

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One of the industrial regions on territory of Slovakia, which registered striking changes in industrial structure is area of Central Povazie. Staff territory come under Trenciansky district and his ultimate industrial centres are towns Povazska Bystrica, Puchov, Dubnica nad Vahom, Trencin and Nove Mesto nad Vahom. Region of Central Povazie represent one from the old industrialised regions of Slovakia. The first handicrafts and manufactories where established in towns Trencin and Nove Mesto nad Vahom in the half of 19-th century. At the end of 19-th century was established industrial factory in Ilava oriented on wood-working industry. At the beginning of the 20-th century penetrate several little industrial enterprises bearing on textile, glass and stone-working industry. At this stage region of Central Povazie sharing only slight part of industrial production in Slovakia. Striking change come after 2-nd world war during expressive industrialisation of Slovakia. At this stage development of industry record ultimate development just in region of Central Povazie. This development was conditional with several factors, in cause general we can deem:

- strategic position of region - in frame organisation of former Czechoslovakia was region ideal for located of armament production. Relative distanced from west frontiers (opposite to Czech republic) and valley character of territory conditioned formation of armament industry in the town Trencin, Povazska Bystrica and especially in Dubnica nad Vahom. Machine industry (first of all armament industry) became dominating industrial branch in region,
- sufficient of power sources - through the valley of Povazie overflow river Vah. In post-war period have been started an expressive regulation of river's flow. On Central Povazie were constructed eight new water electric generating stations, which fully spread requisites of electric energy of region,
- sufficient of employers - Povazie region belong toward mostly settled areas in Slovakia. Development of industry and the growth of towns in region conditioned location of high schools in accordance by growth of skill level of employers,
- conditions of carriage - through the territory is passing most responsible railway, connecting two largest towns in Slovakia. Halfway of 80-th years come about total electrification of the track and begin construction of highway direction from capital city of Slovakia to the region of Central Povazie,
- tradition of industrial production - manifest especially in the town Trencin, which was already before known of textile production. Throughout industrialisation of Slovakia town became most important centre of textile and dress industry in Slovakia,
- raw material sources - conditioned development of glass and ceramic industry in region, building trade (limestone sources) and wood-working industry,
- industrialisation by herself - at the first period armament and machine industry have been located where they were employed especially men. Region has been needed location of such kind of industry where women could be find application. Those branches have been especially dress, textile and food industry.

The fault period at development of industry in region have been period after year 1989. In following years where fully showed problems, which has been unsolving in frame former system: orientation of region on heavy production, little competition ability beside with western countries, application of obsolete technologies and low degree of modernisation, absence of regional politics, market laws in economy etc. Change of society conditions, passage from planning toward market oriented economy as well as changes in industrial structure production cause fall volume of industrial production which mostly have been showed especially in social area. Behind general reasons of this changes we can deem:

- conversion of armament industry - afflict nothing short of all region, in which have been concentrated large part armament industry of Slovakia, political decision about stopped of armament production and not found new production schedule for armament factories were main cause increase of unemployment in region,

- changes of property conditions - in simultaneity overshoot transformation of all sector service. Former monopoly structure in service sphere introduction state controlled commercial networks concentrated to big centres. Disestablishment of retail trade brought origin of various new services, trades and wholesale trades,
- privatisation - hazy course of privatisation tend loss trust of citizens in this process, many of industrial concerns with ineptitude strategy of new owners were too many to failure, by myself this process sharing considerable measure on raising unemployment in region,

In present times most important industrial centres in region of Central Povazie are towns Trencin, Puchov and Dubnica nad Vahom, which employed up 10 000 industrial workers. Between big industry centre with developed structure of industry we can arrange Povazska Bystrica where number wage-earner in industry is less of 7 500. The middle eminent centre is Nove Mesto nad Vahom with about 4 000 employers in industry. Between little industry centre we can arrange Nemsova, Lednicke Rovne with under 2 000 personnel, Nova Dubnica with under 1 000 personnel and Ladce and Trencianska Tepla with under 500 personnel in industry.

From the point of view of employers in industry from single branch of industry always dominoes machine industry, followed by dress, rubber, metal and food industry. These branches are complement with glass industry, wood-working and joinery industry. Throughout last 10 year the brunch structure of industry in region wasn't been expressive untouched.

Quantitative structure of industry is moved in direction toward large-scale enterprises. In region is in the neighbourhood of 20 enterprises with above 1 000 employers. Quantitative structure in region ought claim some central enterprises, which would creep industrial structure of region and which would influence like potential store-houses in simultaneity free working employers. The brunch structure is one of the radical problem of industry in region. Diversification of industry in single industrial centres is little, many of them have monosector character. Second problem is representation of virtually only single large-scale enterprise in industrial centre. Centres with monosector and monoenterprise structure account higher potential instability. Providing economic alternatively sale problems give out working employers, which isn't in centre whereupon tie by originate in region high social intensity.

Future development of industry in region of Central Povazie depend especially from sources of territory and potential exploitation of employers and assumption implicit from build up infrastructure. At it with the view of development could come into being is needed resolution of several contemporary problems, which result from process transformation and restructure of industry in region. In simultaneity we can analyse several problems, which have definitive influence on industrial development of region:

- economic stabilisation of contemporary bearing enterprises of main industrial branches in region. Needs is recovery of new production schedule and fairs especially for enterprises befallen by conversion of armament production. One from decisions is consecutive change large-scale enterprises on several little operations, which would be more proved to adapt new condition. Next from decisions is recovery strategic investors abroad. General arrival of foreign capital to region is in compare with capital city deficient,
- termination of transformation of property relations - privatisation and transformation of property relations is in forwardness stage but no stand terminated. Just back selection of management in process of privatisation tend gradual liquidation of several bearing industrial concerns and consecutive growth unemployment especially in little centres of region,
- development of industrial branches unpretending on inspection chambers and raw materials. General block fastidiousness and dependence from source raw materials is in region relatively high. Is needed to support development of such industrial branches, which aren't so bound on sources raw materials and energy power (e.g. electromechanical industry, printing industry, which have in region specific tradition),
- sufficient of qualified employers in region in traditional industrial branches (textile, food and machine industry),
- upkeep relatively low unemployment in region. Largest industrial centre of region, town Trencin, has second least unemployment in frame all Slovakia. Problem of unemployment in region are characteristics especially for smaller industry centres with former monosectore structure of industry,
- advantageous forwarding position of region. Central Povazie is situated on main forwarding corridor of Slovakia as well as on Europe eminent forwarding pull leading from south Poland directly on Bratislava

with sequel to south Europe. Toward to attractive thereof space helped too build up direct highway connection from Bratislava to Central Povazie region and increase maximal velocity of railway track,

- advantageous international position towards the Czech republic. This position could allow development of little frontier traffic as well as decision of generation free zone trade,
- development of unproduction activities, e.g. commercial, services and organisation of exhibitions in conjunction with development of storage economy.