The city of Olkusz and mining zinc and lead ores in the idea of building Trial of Mining Heritage of Lesser Poland (DGM)

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ABSTRACT:

Current paper presents the concept of creating Trail of Mining Heritage of Malopolska (TMHM) which should enable protection and adaptation of objects representing to the mining heritage of Malopolska. Also, this initiative could create some development possibilities of small cities which suffer from marginalization due to the attraction of business establishment in big cities and citizens migrating there. In the next sections characteristics of Maloposka was presented which region does not identify itself with industrial activities despite significant history of mining and metallurgy which occurred is connected to this area. The concept of establishing the Trial of Mining of Malopolska and selection of its potential objects were described. City of Olkusz was presented in the time of closing down Pomorzany Mine where ores of zinc and lead used to be extracted. The potential change in the profile of the city from industrial to tourist could prevent marginalization and enhance the position of the city in the region.