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**THE TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS SECTOR'S PERFORMANCE AND THE SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT – A COMPARISON WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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Abstract. Economic and social development is influenced also by the performance of the logistics and transportation sector. This sector's performance enhances at its turn trade performance, but also increases incomes and employment gains, leading to the diminishing of poverty rates. In our paper we analyzed the influence of the transportation and logistics' performance on social development, by comparing EU's former communist countries and the other 18 countries (namely three indicators - the LPI, the HDI, and the IHDI). Our results allowed us to conclude that European countries with performing transportation and logistics sector are also the countries recording the highest levels of social development.

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