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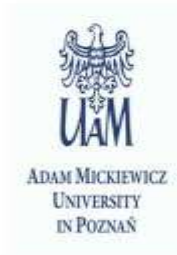
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ABSTRACT

Activities of the Government of the Republic of Croatia related to COVID-19 can be monitored from the end of January 2020, when no cases of the disease have been recorded yet. Therefore, general measures concerning the restriction of international flights and maritime transport and the control of incoming passengers were first adopted. After the appearance of the virus, from February 26, 2020, a number of special measures are gradually introduced related to the economy, public transport, education, restriction of public gatherings, shops, clinics and public services operation mode, restriction of movement of individuals, etc. In addition to the Government and ministries, decisions on the necessary measures are also made by the National Civil Protection Headquarters. The National Headquarters cooperates directly with regional and local headquarters. Therefore, in the first part the research will include (1) the impact of the national measures on the adoption of subnational measures. In the second part the author will focus on (2) the classification and analysis of the subnational measures. First of them are measures adopted by political bodies at the proposal of local civil protection headquarters, and second one are measures adopted by regional civil protection headquarters. Finally, in the third part paper deals with (3) structural and functional adjustments of local units during the pandemic. In the research, the author will use the teleological and comparative method, the method of legal analysis and the method of case study.