

Editor's Letter

"Be thankful to your competitors for keeping you alert"
(Tomas Bata)

Dear readers,

Let us introduce the third issue of the eleventh volume of the *Journal of Competitiveness* (2019). This issue is multidisciplinary, being comprised of scientific articles especially from the fields of business environment, finance, macroeconomics, risk management and industrial engineering.

You can find contributions from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, China and Pakistan.

The first paper explores the drivers of green supply chain management initiatives and their effect on the economic performance of manufacturing companies in three sectors (textile, chemical, and pharmaceutical) of Pakistan's economy.

The second article characterizes tax competition between EU member states over a ten-year period and to assess whether states are competitive in the field of corporate taxation.

The aim of the third article is to demonstrate the impact of the institutional environment, which is measured by selected macroeconomic variables in the Slovak Republic through the business environment index (BEI).

The purpose of the fourth article is a comparative analysis of the competitiveness of the Ukrainian economy.

The fifth paper compares the competitiveness of Franklin Templeton fund managers.

The sixth paper summarizes the methodological approaches, principles, methods, and tools of scientific knowledge inherent in a single complex research model of regional residential real estate markets competitiveness (RREM).

The aim of the seventh article is to present the output of our research which focused on the assessment of commercial risk faced by exporters to China, specifically, determining the probabilities for commercial risk model management.

The purpose of the eighth paper is to diagnose the challenges and solutions for the readymade garments industry of Pakistan.

The ninth paper evaluates the peculiarities of the financial behavior of households as one of the main factors of country competitiveness in Ukraine.

The last paper analyzes factors affecting the disparity of Vietnamese gold prices and worldwide gold prices.

We would like to thank members of the editorial staff, peer reviewers and members of the editorial board for preparing this issue, and we are looking forward to our further cooperation.

On behalf of the journal's editorial staff,
Assoc. Prof. David Tuček, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief

