Entrepreneurship and firm growth in transition - The Case of Kosovo

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Abstract

This study explores the development of entrepreneurship in the transition phase and integrations processes with particular emphasis on challenges of firm growth and development in Kosovo. Moreover, this is an investigation of the perception of small business owners/managers' on specific obstacles to growth and develop their businesses. This paper is supported by a special empirical study based on a survey conducted with 200 businesses including 7 regions of Kosovo. It was organized in the first half of 2017 directly with key business actors which identified the main problems of entrepreneurship development and business growth. However, various obstacles have been identified, mainly related to environment of doing business. From the data obtained from the field, statistical factor analysis has been done to measure the impact of various variables on business growth. Additionally, data analysis shows that there is a close correlation between the obstacles and the growth of businesses. The research results raise important issues for discussion and recommendations regarding applications of policies and strategies for the development and growth of businesses in Kosovo.

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