



Abstract

Possibility and Policy Application of the Social Cohesion-Oriented Regional Development Policy

Korea has severe disparities and social problems between regions, communities. Furthermore, Korea has a weak sense of community and social conflicts within and between communities. Until now, regional development policy has been established on the basis of the balanced development concept and mainly infrastructure construction and industrial park designation. From now, new approaches based on community welfare, health and health care, and social conflict management are needed in making regional development policy frame.

Recently, international organization's and Europe and Korea's experimental regional growth strategy is focused on the efficiency – social equity – local autonomy in common. OECD is to promote the complementarity between different policy areas, that is, the mix of efficiency–equity–sustainability principles. Spatial practices that include the social cohesion objectives in the policy of regional development policy appear in examples of policies of EU, UK and France. EU operates inclusive growth, UK acts comprehensive budget subsidy (that is, a single pot budget), and France seeks to combine social cohesion policy and urban policy.

Promoting effects and side effects of social cohesion-oriented

regional development policy may appear. In the positive effects, firstly, it could achieve efficiency, equity, and environmental sustainability in regional development. Secondly, officials and residents can apprehend overall results of project and program budget and easily monitor the projects. But, side effects appear. The priority of individual program and project become ambiguous. And responsibilities between competent ministries and departments of municipality can be unclear.

We propose three policy improvement suggestions. First, regional development policy should extend to social cohesion objectives. Second, to the vulnerable areas, integrated regional policy system should be made in regional government. Third, as a integrated regional restructuring subsidies in case of Gyeonggi Province, the Integrated Community Development Grant of Gyeonggi Province should be introduced.

Key Word

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