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Issues discussed in papers presented in this volume of Economic and Environmental Studies are focused on three main topics: quality and standard of living within societies, sustainable development of areas and financial issues of public services provision.

In the first group there are five articles. Grzegorz Adamczyk prepared a socio-economic study about compensative and compulsive buying in Poland. Then Alicja Gębczyńska and Radosław Wolniak are writing about the impact of quality management systems on the effects of the process approach implementation. Mateusz Musiał describes changes in the standard of living of chosen countries that joined the European Union after 2004. Olutayo Odunola, Oluwafemi Odunsi, Daniel Awodele and Benson Diriyai present community-based organizations' development-oriented activities. And finally Kehinde Popoola and Susanne Speak write about accessing and utilizing services by rural borderland communities in South-Western Nigeria.

Second group of articles is focused on sustainable development of different areas. Hanna Adamska and Stanisław Minta show the organic farming in Poland and selected countries of the European Union. Marta Bednarczyk and Izabella Pisarek describe sustainable development for soya production based on the field research carried out at the Variety Assessment Experimental Station of Głubczyce in the years 2015-2017. Katarzyna Turoń and Grzegorz Sierpiński characterize selected solutions of environmentally-friendly urban transport systems. Andrzej Strzałkowski presents Multidisciplinary Insights Approach for an effective climate change and sustainability policy. And finally Anna Waligóra portrays social entrepreneurship and its significance for contemporary rural areas.

The last group of articles concerns financial issues of public services provision. Maja Krasucka outlines the involvement of cities with county rights in financing tasks pertaining to physical culture. Jolanta Malec examines the importance of the European funds for the development and competitiveness of the Wrocław Agglomeration. The last article prepared by Maria Węgrzyn presents diagnostic services in oncology in the context of scarcity.