

*Summary of doctoral dissertation*

„DETERMINANTS OF INVESTMENT EFFICIENCY  
OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS IN THE ELECTRICITY MARKET”

This doctoral dissertation deals with the determinants of investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems, referring in particular to the area of relations between entities participating in electricity exchange processes.

Determinants of the impact on investment efficiency of PV systems relate are very demanding area of research. It consists of many elements between which relationships of varying intensity occur. For this reason, the subject of research can be classified as complex. Characterized by hierarchical construction. Theoretical and practical knowledge, and analysis of the subject of research were utilitarian in the same way for the research area and business practice. The scope of research adopted in the dissertation includes the development and use of photovoltaic systems offered by global producers, with particular emphasis on the perspective of the volume of market turnover.

The subjects of the research were the main participants of the global electricity market, who in total account for the global increase in installed photovoltaic generating capacity.

Dissertation has theoretical and cognitive character. The research was primarily of an identifying (cognitive, explanatory) nature, consisting in seeking to explain phenomena, which is characteristic of basic research.

The main goal of the research was to create a full classification of groups of determinants affecting the results of investment activities described from the perspective of the relationship of the effects obtained to the expenditure incurred on solar systems on the electricity market.

To implement the above, the following specific research goals have been formulated.

- C.1.1. Analysis of the relationship between individual factors affecting on their formation process.
- C.1.2. Identification of factors affecting the investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems.
- C.1.3. Presentation of changes in investment conditions of photovoltaic systems in an evolutionary approach.
- C.1.4. Explanation of the mechanism for determining the investment efficiency of PV systems on electricity market.
- C.1.5. Presenting the special importance of creating new value chains for investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems on the electricity market.
- C.1.6. Examination of the current state of knowledge in the field of investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems and its critical analysis.
- C.1.7. Identifying cause-and-effect relationships between economic phenomena and the level of investment efficiency of PV systems on the market that deals with electricity.

Research hypotheses resulting from the adopted goals of the work were formulated as follows:

- H. 1. Factors determining the investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems on the electricity market are strongly associated with global economic phenomena, especially in highly developed countries and in China.

- H. 2. Factors affecting the investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems can be divided into micro- and macroeconomic.
- H. 3. Two factors have a decisive impact on the development of the photovoltaic system market:
  - a) product and technological innovation of photovoltaic systems creating new value creation chains,
  - b) energy policy instruments, in particular evolving support systems and other specific regulations.
- H. 4. The growing amount of power installed from solar systems leads to a reduction in the cost of generating 1 GW of electricity.
- H. 5. The growing complexity of economic systems contributes to the creation of new solutions affecting the investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems on the electricity market.
- H. 6. The variety of forms of electricity sales from photovoltaic systems stimulates an increase in its supply.

The specificity of the main objective together with the specific objectives of the work played a decisive role in the selection of the research procedure and accompanying research methods. These translated into the structure of the doctoral dissertation. It consists of an introduction, six chapters, a summary, a list of sources, drawings, tables and an attachment.

The structure of the work is as follows:

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Specific theoretical and cognitive goals have been achieved. The research hypotheses put forward have been verified positively. As a result, a complete classification of groups of determinants of investment efficiency of photovoltaic systems on the electricity market was created.

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