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## INTRODUCTION

**Relevance of the study.** Richard Florida, one of the best known researchers of the creative industries (CI), points out that each individual is creative or has potential creativity in a certain field (Florida and Tinagli, 2004). Since the CI are based on individual creativity, they provide equal opportunities to create jobs and involve all the regions to participate in the national economy (United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), 2007): each creative product derives solely from individual creativity and skill, therefore it is difficult to copy or produce at lower costs (Turok, 2003). As clear boundaries between arts, aesthetics, and popular culture are disappearing at an increasingly high rate (Flew, 2002), new and successful CI enterprises from developing countries are taking firm hold in the industry. Obviously, creativity-driven CI enterprises are capable of increasing exports, international trade, and creating of value added (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 2004; Garnham, 2005; KEA, 2006; Bandarin, Hosagrahar and Albernaz, 2011). Due to this, the academia, governments, and businesses are focusing on fostering individual creativity (Matheson, 2006; UNIDO, 2007; Tomczak and Stachowiak, 2015).

The contemporary global economy is reasonably perceived as a creative one: individual creativity is employed to create jobs and value added. Complementarily, creative cities thrive on cultural heterogeneity by hosting creative networks which in turn are gaining momentum in national economy. Creativity is deeply embedded in the culture of a certain country, providing for creative expression and talents to emerge in developed and developing countries alike. Creativity reaches beyond arts and media, as it awards competitive advantage to various design and original content-based industries (Flew, 2002). Individual creativity is an inexhaustable resource (van der Pol, 2007), but in many young democracies employment of creativity is challenged by the lack of governmental support in addition to longterm repressions, especially in centralised economies. Personal and creative freedom is essential to harnessing individual creativity to fuel economic development. Consequently, CI became one of the fastest-developing sectors in the global economy (Florida, Tinagli, 2004; Garnham, 2005; KEA, 2006; Matheson, 2006; van der Pol, 2007; UNIDO, 2007; Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis (SAGPA), 2009; Bandarin et al, 2011; Potts, 2011; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2013; Oxford Economics (OE), 2014), while the latter economic crisis revealed the CI's potential to develop even under exceptionally harsh conditions (Pratt, 2008; Černevičiūtė, Strazdas, Jančoras, Levickaitė, Januškevičiūtė, 2010; Lassur, Taffel Vija, Vija, 2010; European Commission (EC), 2013a; Ernst and Young (EY), 2014; OE, 2014; Gaitanidis, Avdikos, 2016). In the context of CI development

having a positive impact on national economy, an important question should be raised as whether the specific tools for measuring and comparing the impact of CI on a national economy, at least to the extent of the EU countries, exist.

**Scientific problem and the extent of its investigation.** The European Parliament and Council (Regulation No. 1295/2013) emphasize that cultural diversity and dialogues are to be fostered in order to fully benefit from creative potential to create jobs and add to the economic growth. The importance of CI is highlighted in various EU documents (EC, 2010a; Open Method of Coordination (OMC), 2010; Lauret, Marie, 2012; Staines, Mercer, 2012; European Parliament and Council, 2013; EC, 2013b; EC, 2014; EY, 2014). Paradoxically, scientific analysis revealed that a uniform concept of CI is non-existent, while the definition of its structure varies even among the EU countries, especially when comparing those with different historical and sociocultural backgrounds. Research has revealed that most definitions and classifications are based on those proposed by supranational organizations and the United Kingdom (Sigurdardottir, Young, 2011). However, those definitions vary, one of the main differences being the relationship between the creative and cultural industries. While some researchers (Fahmi, Koster, van Dijk, 2016; Potts, 2011) argue that the creative and cultural industries are separate, others (Tomeczak, Stachowiak, 2015; Power, Nielsen, 2010; Pratt, 2008; Keane, Hartley, 2006) claim that cultural industries are an integral part of the CI. In order to adequately evaluate CI and their impact on national economy, a uniform concept of CI and their classification have to be defined for this research.

Despite the fact that CI are a frequent topic of public discourse often praised for their positive effect on national economy, sustainable and inclusive activities, little is known about the factors which determine CI emergence and development. Researchers (Tomeczak, Stachowiak, 2015; White, Gunasekaran, Roy, 2014; Goede, Louisa, 2012; Comunian, Chapain, Clifton, 2010; Goede, 2009; DeNatale, Wassal, 2007; Florida, 2002) provide a long list of factors which influence the emergence and development of CI, and cluster the aforementioned factors into groups. Despite the efforts, consensus on the most important factors is still to be reached. Research has disclosed that one of the most analysed assumptions of CI emergence and development is the creative city (Florida, Mellander, King, 2015; Tomeczak, Stachowiak, 2015; Yigitcanlar, Lonnqvist, Saloni, 2014; Ashton, 2011; Levickaitė, Reimeris, 2011; Huang, Chen, Chang, 2009; Meusburger, 2009; Landry, 2000), however, the concept of creative city itself is lacking. On the other hand, the peculiarities of CI have not been analysed extensively which, in turn, causes ineffective and insufficient attempts at strengthening CI and creative economy as a whole. The present situation complicates the implementation of measures meant to strengthen and develop CI, as well as evaluating the impact of CI on national economy. This situation is caused by the internationally varying definitions of CI (Pitts, 2015; OE, 2014; Cunningham, Potts, 2014; Ashton, 2011;

Sigurdardottir, Young, 2011; SAGPA, 2009; van der Pol, 2007; KEA, 2006; Jones et al, 2004) as well as due to a diverse collection and dissemination of statistical data.

Measuring the impact of CI on national economy is a significant challenge which the current patchy research fails to provide an answer for. Currently, the impact of CI is mostly measured by scattered indicators, such as new jobs (Pitts, 2015; White et al, 2014; Goede, Louisa, 2012; Levickaitė, Reimeris, 2011; Power, Nielsen, 2010; Potts, Cunningham, 2008; Pratt, 2008; Stolarick, Florida, 2006; Matheson, 2006; Florida, Tinagli, 2004; Turok, 2003), creation of value added (Tomczak, Stachowiak, 2015; De Propris, 2013; Hotho, Champion, 2011; Sigurdardottir, Young, 2011; White, 2010; Huang et al., 2009), or exports (Minska – Struzik, 2014; Malem, 2008; Garnham, 2005; Jones et al., 2004). However, research has revealed that the impact of CI on national economy should not be limited to the analysis of economic indicators, as the it is felt throughout economic, sociocultural, and environmental impact areas (Cunningham, Potts, 2014; Boix et al., 2013; Eikhof, Warhurst, 2012; Bandarin et al., 2011; Gibbon, 2011; Levickaitė, Reimeris, 2011; Sigurdardottir, Young, 2011; White, 2010; Pratt, 2008; van del Pol, 2007; Stolarick, Florida, 2006; Mažeikis et al., 2005; Florida, Tinagli, 2004; Oakley, 2004).

To sum up, the impact of CI on national economy is analysed fairly widely but rather superficially; a uniform methodology is necessary in order to evaluate the impact of CI on national economy and compare countries internationally.

**The scientific problem** of this research is how to measure the impact of CI on national economy and compare countries by the significance of CI impact on their economies.

**The object of the scientific research** is the impact of CI on national economy.

**The aim of the scientific research** is to develop a model which integrates economic, sociocultural, and environmental CI impact on national economy Based on the model, to develop a CI impact measuring index and apply the index to measure the EU countries.

#### **Objectives of the scientific research:**

1. To analyse the CI concept and distinguish its main characteristics and structure while showing the relationship between the creative and cultural industries.
2. To analyse CI in the context of creative economy and distinguish the most important assumptions to the emergence and development of CI while disclosing links between CI and creative cities, as well as other assumptions for its emergence and development.
3. To identify the peculiarities of the CI sector and the impact of CI on different directions and areas of national economy.

4. On the basis of CI emergence and development assumptions, as well as the identified directions and areas of national economy which are affected by CI, to develop a model which would allow to determine the impact of CI on national economy; on the basis of the aforementioned model, to develop a measurement index for assessing the impact of CI on national economy.
5. To apply the CI impact on national economy measurement index, calculate its values for the EU countries in 2008–2014 and compare the EU countries by the impact of CI on their national economies.

**Methods of the research include:**

- Systematic and comparative analysis of the concepts and conclusions provided in scientific literature based on the methods of comparison, classification, systematisation, and generalisation;
- Expert evaluation (questionnaire survey);
- Correlation and regression analysis;
- Mathematical and statistical analysis of research results conducted by employing the software of statistical data processing, SPSS, Microsoft Excel, and R.

**Scientific novelty of the research:**

- *The concept of CI based on defined peculiarities and structural constituents is substantiated.* Research allows for a rather general concept and classification of CI, which incorporates cultural industries and is universally applicable. CI are comprised of activities based on individual creativity and talent; CI products are defined by a symbolic meaning as well as practical employment; it can be subjected to intellectual property rights, while CI have a potential to create jobs and material well-being. CI are comprised of four main sectors: heritage, arts, media, and functional creations.
- *A model of CI impact on national economy which includes the assumptions of CI emergence and development, as well as the directions and areas of CI impact is developed.* This dissertation provides a new model which is based on widening previously used methods in a manner to integrate the assumptions of CI emergence and development with economic, sociocultural, and environmental directions and areas of impact.
- *An index for measuring the impact of CI on national economy (KYPE) is developed.* The developed index is complex due to the fact that it measures the integrated impact of CI on economy, including economic, sociocultural, and environmental impact areas, as well as the directions of impact that constitute the aforementioned areas, and indicators which describe the directions of impact in detail.

- *The KIPE index is used to assess the EU countries, allowing for international comparison.* The empirical study confirms the relevance of the KIPE index. It is easily applicable and can be used to analyse a group of selected countries or regions during the predetermined period of time.
- The methodology of KIPE index application allows to study the impact of CI on national economy from different perspectives, to identify good practices, and to propose recommendations for CI development.

**Structure of the dissertation.** This dissertation is composed of three parts.

*The first part* provides an analysis of the CI concept, discusses the relationship between the creative and cultural industries, as well as the CI in the context of creative economy and the assumptions for the emergence of CI. *The second part* overviews the peculiarities of CI, their impact on national economy areas and directions that constitute those areas; development of the model for the impact of CI on national economy and defines the constituents of the model, which are the basis for developing a conceptual research model. *The third part* describes the research methodology and contains the research and results of measuring the CI impact on national economies within the EU in 2008–2014, allowing to compare the aforementioned impact with regards to other studied countries. Based on the results of this study, conclusions and recommendations for further research are proposed.

**Limitations of the research.** It is crucial to note that the concepts of CI used in different EU countries vary from each other; this poses a challenge in defining the sector of CI which, subsequently, makes it difficult to adequately compare the economic activities that form this sector. As comparable data to describe the CI is lacking, this research is based on the data provided by EUROSTAT, according to NACE rev. 2.

The varying concepts of CI cause different statistical data to be used to describe the CI in a particular country; this causes a challenge for measuring the impact of CI on national economy. Therefore, this study provides the locality of each EU country with regards to the localities of other countries. Since the EU highlights the importance of CI development and the unification of CI concepts, statistical data collection and dissemination is planned.

**Contents of the dissertation:** this dissertation consists of 162 pages, includes 42 figures, 46 tables, and 44 appendices. 175 sources of related scientific literature in Lithuanian and English were used as references.

**Publication of research results:** the research results were presented at various international scientific conferences and published in recognized scientific journals.

# **1. CREATIVE INDUSTRIES: CONCEPT AND EVOLUTION OF THEORY**

## **1.1. The concept of creative industries**

The concept of CI is often used in academic discourse and publicism alike, however, the analysis of the concept itself is rather limited. This section contains a comparative analysis of various CI concepts, discusses the assumptions of CI emergence, the characteristics of CI and compares different classifications of CI subsectors. Based on this research, the CI concept to be used in this dissertation is provided: CI are comprised of activities based on individual creativity and talent; the products of CI are defined by a symbolic meaning as well as practical employment, they can be subjected to intellectual property rights, while the CI have the potential to create jobs and material well-being. CI are comprised of four main sectors: heritage, arts, media, and functional creations.

## **1.2. The relationship between cultural and creative industries**

Research revealed that the concepts of cultural and creative industries are often used interchangeably. This section contains an analysis of both concepts and provides an insight into their relationship: the first term to be used was „cultural industries“; however, due to the changes in political and socioeconomic circumstances, cultural industries are a part of creative industries. CI are focused on business development, while cultural industries are most often linked with cultural expression and other non-economic goals.

## **1.3. Creative industries as the core of creative economy**

CI are inseparable from the development of creative economy. This section looks deeper into the concept of creative economy and provides an analysis of CI – creative economy relationship. Creative economy is a phenomenon of the 21st century, born from an interaction among the CI, creative class, creative identities, and creative cities, while CI are the core of creative economy.

## **1.4. Assumptions of CI development**

Despite the fact that CI derive from individual creativity and skill, a lack of scientific consensus on assumptions of the CI development is present. This section provides an analysis of creative city and other assumptions of CI development. Research has revealed that various factors play different roles in the development of CI, but their impact is not unidirectional: CI impact their surroundings and determine the factors that, in turn, have an impact on the development of CI.

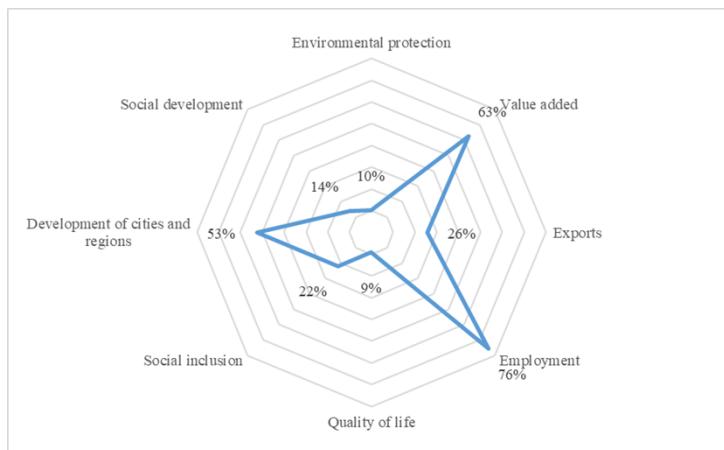
## **2. CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES' IMPACT ON NATIONAL ECONOMY**

### **2.1. Peculiarities of the creative industries sector**

The CI sector is defined by a set of exceptional characteristics. This section provides an analysis of the peculiarities of CI, namely: hourglass structure, unpredictable demand, and ability to spillover innovations.

### **2.2. Directions of creative industries impact on economy**

CI are highly important to economic growth and development. Figure 1 provides an insight into the most important directions of CI impact on economy.



**Fig. 1.** The most important directions of CI impact on national economy (by frequency in scientific literature)

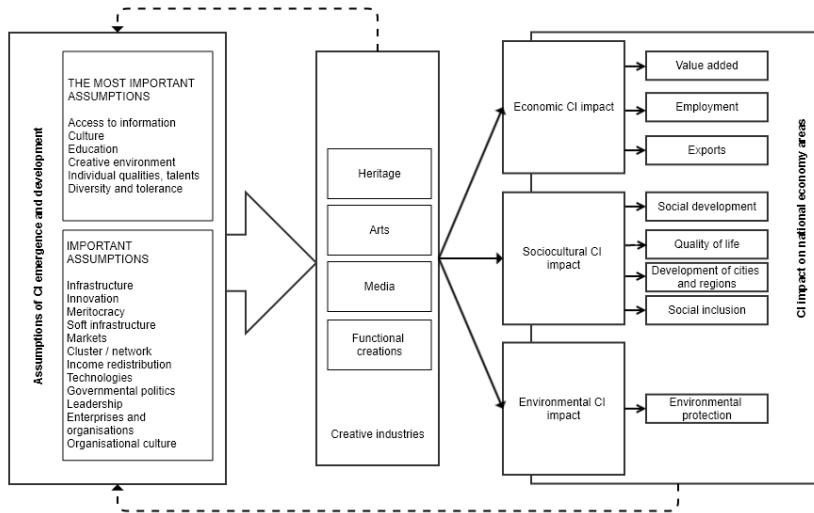
Analysis of CI impact on national economy revealed that the most significant directions can be classified into areas of economic, sociocultural, and environmental impact directions.

### **2.3. The structure of creative industries' impact on national economy model**

Based on previous research, this section describes the stages of developing a model of CI impact on national economy as well as the hypotheses: (H1) direct affiliation binds the factors for CI development and the impact of CI on national economy; and (H2): the most prominent areas of CI impact on national economy are the economic and sociocultural impact areas.

## 2.4. The model of creative industries' impact on national economy and the impact assessment index

In order to evaluate the impact CI have on national economy, expert research is carried out aimed at distinguishing the importance of each impact area. Based on the results of this research, the conceptual model (Figure 2) is developed, allowing to constitute the CI impact on national economy assessment index.



**Fig. 2.** The conceptual model of CI impact on national economy

The conceptual model (Figure 2) provides grounds for the CI impact assessment index:

$$KYPE = w_1 \times E_{KYPE} + w_2 \times SK_{KYPE} + w_3 \times A_{KYPE}$$

here  $E_{KYPE}$  – subindex of CI economic impact,

$SK_{KYPE}$  – subindex of CI sociocultural impact,

$A_{KYPE}$  – subindex of CI environmental impact,

$w_1 \dots w_3$  – weights of index components, total amount of which equals one.

The subindex of economic impact is estimated by evaluating additional value, jobs and exports of the CI sector. The subindex of sociocultural impact is estimated by assessing social development, quality of life, development of cities and regions, and social inclusion determined by the CI sector. The subindex of environmental impact is estimated by air pollution caused by the CI sector.

### **3. EMPIRICAL RESEARCH OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES' IMPACT ON NATIONAL ECONOMY**

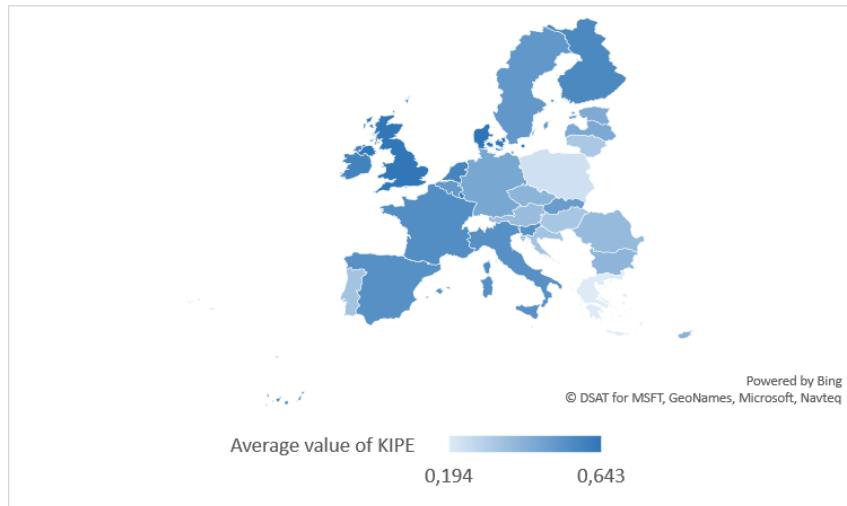
#### **3.1. The methodology of empirical research on the impact of creative industries on national economy**

This section presents the logical sequence of the empirical research: (1) definition of research boundaries, (2) definition of research aims and objectives, (3) selection of research methods, (4) execution of empirical research, and (5) analysis of research results, assessment of the hypotheses, and providing conclusions and recommendations.

#### **3.2. The assessment of creative industries' impact on national economy**

To assess the impact of CI on national economy, weights of subindices are calculated and an analysis of each subindex is provided. Using the formula below, the EU countries are assessed with regard to the impact of CI on national economy (Figure 3).

$$KIEPE = 0,362 \times E_{KIEPE} + 0,383 \times SK_{KIEPE} + 0,255 \times A_{KIEPE}$$



**Fig. 3.** The distribution of the EU countries in regard to the average value of KIEPE index (2008–2014)

Research revealed that the EU countries can be clustered into three groups:

- *Group A. Bad conditions for CI development and little CI impact on national economy:* Poland, Greece.
- *Group B. Average conditions for CI development and average CI impact on national economy:* Latvia, Estonia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Austria, Croatia, Portugal, Hungary, Lithuania.
- *Group C. Good conditions for CI development and significant CI impact on national economy:* Denmark, Luxembourg, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Finland, Ireland, France, Spain, Slovenia, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, Slovakia, Malta, Germany, Cyprus.

Research allows to verify the hypotheses: H1 confirmed, H2 confirmed.

Research revealed that the conditions for CI development (GCI index) are directly linked to the impact of CI on national economy (KIPE index). Clustering of countries confirms that historical, social, economic, and political development influence the factors of CI development, as well as that there is a direct affiliation between the aforementioned factors and the impact of CI on national economy. Therefore, a conclusion is drawn that in order to strengthen and foster CI, various socioeconomic tools are available.

## CONCLUSIONS

A theory-based model for assessing the impact of CI on national economy, the developed KIPE index and its practical application suggest the following conclusions:

1. An analysis of the CI concept revealed that scientific studies are based on different CI concepts and definitions including all variations of their classification which differ from country to country; however, most authors rely on either the concepts provided by supranational organisations, or the one developed in the United Kingdom. Opinions regarding the relationship between creative and cultural industries also vary and this research allows the author to conclude that cultural industries are an integral part and origin of CI. A new concept of CI is developed: CI are comprised of activities based on individual creativity and talent; CI products are defined by symbolic meaning as well as practical application, and can be subjected to intellectual property rights while having a potential to create jobs and material well-being. CI are comprised of four main subsectors: heritage, arts, media, and functional creations.

2. This dissertation supports the importance of CI for the contemporary global economy and the strong ties CI have to historical and sociocultural development. Research confirms that every developed economy can be called creative economy

on the global scale. The latter is based on interaction between creativity, culture, economy, and technologies and is capable of employing creative capital in order to increase income, create jobs, exports, and add its share to increase in social inclusion, creative and social diversity, and development. CI are the core of creative economy.

Research showed that researchers name different assumptions for the emergence and development of CI, according to the aim of each study. However, research confirmed that the most important assumption for CI development is creative city. It is exclusive in its relationship with various cultural activities: they are crucial for its economic and social functions, while the creative city itself is defined by a robust cultural and social infrastructure and a relatively high creative employment. Creative cities are classified into: 1) City with a New Face, where CI is of paramount importance, thus the face of the city is notably changed in order to strengthen CI; 2) Cultural – Creative City which focuses on cultural activities as well as on creative initiatives, are cosmopolitan and large in size; 3) Creative Industries Entrepreneurial City which focuses on the development of creative business and economically sustainable CI enterprises. The most important CI emergence and development assumptions are distinguished as follows: 1) education, 2) leadership, 3) infrastructure, 4) culture, 5) governmental politics, 6) innovation, 7) creative cluster / network, 8) diversity.

3. Peculiarities of the CI sector were defined, namely: its structure, unpredictable demand, and ability to spillover innovations into other economy sectors as well. The sector of CI is characterised by polarisation on very large and micro enterprises, while the population of medium-sized enterprises is comparatively small, this being the reason why the CI sector is best described by an hourglass model. The demand in the CI sector is unpredictable, since it depends not only on the economic development, but rather on such intangible characteristics as style, image of the creator (author), or interpretation of trends. The structure and demand peculiarities create almost perfect competition, as entering and leaving the market is fast and uncomplicated. Research revealed that the sector of CI is one of the first to signal the changes in overall economy: creative products are exceptionally not the necessities, thus the CI sector detects economic growth and recession fast. The ability of CI to foster innovations is illustrated by the spillover effect which manifests itself through the implementation of creative ideas in other sectors of economy. The spillover of creative know-how and ideas strengthen the impact of CI on national economy.

The impact of CI on national economy manifests itself in three main areas:

- The economic CI impact area is characterised by the CI share of employment, share of added value, and share of exports.
- The sociocultural CI impact area is characterised by complex impact directions: social development, quality of life, development of cities and regions, and social inclusion conditioned by the CI.

- The environmental CI impact area is characterised by the CI impact on air pollution.

Due to its origins and characteristics, CI are capable of impacting the national economy. However, this impact should not be measured by primitive and solitary indicators that reflect the present situation at any given moment. The impact of CI on national economy is a complex phenomenon which should be measured not only from the economic point of view, but from social, cultural, and environmental standpoints as well.

4. In order to describe and measure the impact which CI have on national economy, a model is developed. It contains two constituents. *The first constituent* is devoted to describing the assumptions of CI emergence and development. Expert evaluation helped to cluster those assumptions into the most important, important, little important, and least important assumptions. The most important assumptions are the following: diversity and tolerance, individual qualities, talent, creative environment, education, culture, and access to information. Important assumptions are: organisational culture, enterprises and organisations, leadership, governmental politics, technologies, income redistribution, creative cluster / network, network dynamics, markets, soft infrastructure, meritocracy, innovation, and infrastructure. Little important assumptions (local identity, governmental institutions) are logically attributed to wider assumptions. Same attributions are made with the least important assumptions (distance to suppliers and consumers, locations and real estate). *The second constituent* is devoted to developing the tool for evaluation of the impact of CI on national economy, the KIPE index. KIPE contains three subindices which reflect the areas of CI impact. In order to evaluate the importance of each subindex, expert evaluation is employed; this ensures that each impact area is evaluated.

The developed KIPE index is easy to apply to various countries during the selected period of time and allows to compare selected countries according to CI impact on their national economies. It is exceptionally important to note that the logics behind the development of this index is suitable for use in vast geopolitical territories, regions within a certain country, or other smaller administrative units.

5. Empirical research confirmed that the economic impact of CI on national economy in the EU countries in 2008–2014 was the strongest in the United Kingdom (2008–2012) and Malta (2013–2014); it was the weakest in Lithuania (2008 and 2010), Poland (2009), Bulgaria (2011), and Portugal (2012–2014). The sociocultural impact of CI on national economy was the strongest in the Netherlands (2008–2010) and Finland (2011–2014); it was weakest in Greece (2008–2014). When taking into consideration the environmental impact of CI, it was disclosed that CI add up to air pollution the most in Greece (2008–2011) and Belgium (2012–2014) and the least in Slovakia (2008–2011), Italy, Luxembourg, Slovakia (2012), and Bulgaria (2013–2014).

The impact of CI on national economy was the strongest in Denmark (2008–2010), the United Kingdom (2011), and Luxembourg (2012–2014). CI had the weakest impact on national economy in Greece throughout the entire studied period of time.

The correlation analysis confirmed that there is a direct affiliation between the assumptions of the CI emergence and development, and the impact of CI on national economy ( $r_P = 0,682$ ). Correlation and clustering analyses confirm that the EU countries can be divided into three clusters with regards to the conditions for the CI emergence and development, and their impact on national economy: 1) bad conditions for CI development and little CI impact on national economy, 2) average conditions for CI development and average CI impact on national economy, 3) good conditions for CI development and significant CI impact on national economy.

The study on the impact of CI on national economy confirmed that quantitative CI evaluation is challenged by the varying concepts of CI and differences in the collection and dissemination of statistical data. Supranational organisations are striving to unify the CI concept and classify the economic activities of CI, therefore, it can be expected that the impact of CI on national economy will become easier to objectively evaluate in the foreseeable future.

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**Temos aktualumas.** Vieno geriausiai žinomų autorių kūrybinių industrių tema Richardo Floridos žodžiais, „kiekvienas individuas yra kūrybingas arba turi potencialo būti kūrybingas: kiekvienas individuas yra kūrybingas tam tikroje srityje“ (Florida ir Tinagli, 2004). Taigi dabartinėmis globalizacijos ir nuolatinės konkurencijos pasaulio mastu sąlygomis kūrybinės industrijos, t. y. industrijos, išnaudojančios individualų kūrybingumą, tampa naujų darbo vietų kūrimo priemone, kartu suteikdamos galimybę regionams dalyvauti šalies ekonomikoje (United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), 2007). Kiekvienas kūrybinis produktas yra paremtas individualiu kūrėjo išradingumu bei iğūdžiais, tad jis yra sunkiai nukopijuojamas ar pagaminamas su mažesniais kaštais (Turok, 2003), o, sparčiai nykstant aiškioms riboms tarp meno, estetikos ir populiariosios kultūros (Flew, 2002), vis daugiau itin sekmingai veikiančių kūrybinių industrijų įmonių atsiranda besivystančiose šalyse. Akivaizdu, kad tinkamai išnaudojami kūrybingumo šaltiniai gali labai paveikti besivystančių valstybių įtaką pasaulinės prekybos mastu arba atverti naujas galimybes kurti pridėtinę vertę (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 2004; Garnham, 2005; KEA, 2006; Bandarin, Hosagrahar ir Albernaz, 2011), tad akademinė bendruomenė, vyriausybės ir verslininkai skiria vis daugiau dėmesio kūrybingumo skatinimui (Matheson, 2006; UNIDO, 2007; Tomczak ir Stachowiak, 2015).

Šiuolaikinė ekonomika pagrįstai vadinama kūrybos ekonomika – individualus kūrybingumas yra naudojamas naujoms darbo vietoms ir pridėtinei vertei kurti. Atsiranda kūrybos miesto sąvoka, apibūdinanti megapolis, geriausiai panaudojančius kultūrinį gyventojų heterogeniškumą ir kūrybingumą, – šie miestai suteikia geografinę lokaciją kūrybinių industrijų tinklams, kurie pamažu tampa visos ekonomikos varomaja jėga. Kūrybingumas kiekvienos šalies kultūriniam kontekste turi kur kas gilesnes šaknis nei darbo jėgos ar kapitalo panaudojimas, todėl meninės raiškos, talentų pasireiškimas, atvirumas naujoms idėjoms bei eksperimentavimui nėra turtingųjų valstybių privilegija. Kūrybingumas akcentuojamas ne tik mene ar medijose, pamažu jis tapo centriniu vis didėjančios svarbos konkurencingumo didinimo šaltiniu visuose dizainu ir originaliu turiniu paremtuose ekonomikos sektoriuose (Flew, 2002).

Kūrybinės industrijos remiasi neišsenkamais ištekliais pasaulio mastu – individualiu kūrybingumu (van der Pol, 2007). Kaip pastebi Potts (2011), daugumoje naujų, besivystančių rinkos ekonomikos šalių didžiausia problema, susijusi su kūrybinėmis industrijomis, yra ne trūkstama valstybinė parama, bet tai, kad ilgą laiką (ypač – centralizuotos ekonomikos šalyse) kūrybinės industrijos buvo aktyviai represuojamos. Asmeninės ir kūrybinės laisvės užtikrinimas yra esminis veiksnys, lemiantis asmeninio kūrybingumo įgalinimą ir panaudojimą

ekonominiam vystymuisi skatinti. Tad suprantama, kad kūrybinės industrijos yra vienas iš greičiausiai augančių ir besivystančių ekonomikos sektorių pasaulyje mastu (Florida, Tinagli, 2004; Garnham, 2005; KEA, 2006; Matheson, 2006; van der Pol, 2007; UNIDO, 2007; Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis (SAGPA), 2009; Bandarin ir kt., 2011; Potts, 2011; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2013; Oxford Economics (OE), 2014), o kuriamos pridėtinės vertės svarba atsikleidė pastarosios ekonominės krizės metu – ES kūrybinių industrijų sektorius augo net ir itin sudėtingomis ekonominėmis sąlygomis (Pratt, 2008; Černevičiūtė, Strazdas, Jančoras, Levickaitė, Januškevičiūtė, 2010; Lassur, Taffel Viia ir Viia, 2010; Europos Komisija (EK), 2013a; Ernst and Young (EY), 2014; OE, 2014; Gaitanidis, Avdikos, 2016). Pripažstant, kad kūrybinių industrijų kūrimasis ir plėtra turi teigiamą poveikį šalies ekonomikai, šiame kontekste kyla svarbus klausimas: ar esama įrankių, kurie įgalintų vertinti ir palyginti kūrybinių industrijų poveikį šalies ekonomikai bent Europos Sajungos mastu?

**Mokslinė problema ir jos ištyrimo lygis.** Europos Parlamentas ir Europos Sajungos Taryba (Reglamentas Nr. 1295 / 2013, 2013) akcentuoja, kad Europos Sajungos mastu „siekiama puoselėti kultūrų įvairovę ir skatinti kultūrų dialogą, remti kultūrą kaip kūrybingumo katalizatorių įgyvendinant ekonomikos augimo ir darbo vietų kūrimo strategiją ir kaip labai svarbū Sajungos tarptautinių santykių aspektą“. Kūrybinių industrijų svarba šalies ekonomikai akcentuojama skirtinguose Europos Sajungos dokumentuose (EK, 2010a; Open Method of Coordination (OMC), 2010; Lauret ir Marie, 2012; Staines, Mercer, 2012; Europos Parlamentas ir Europos Sajungos Taryba, 2013; EK, 2013b; EK, 2014; EY, 2014 ir kt.). Paradoksalu, bet mokslinės literatūros ir tyrimų analizė parodė, kad nėra universalios kūrybinių industrijų sampratos, skirtingoje šalyse galioja skirtinges kūrybinių industrijų skirstymas į subsektorius – net ir Europos Sajungos šalyse kūrybinės industrijos yra apibréziamos ir suprantamos skirtingai. Dar ryškesni skirtumai atsikleidžia lyginant šalis su skirtingu istorine praeitim, socialine-kultūrine aplinka. Atlirktyti tyrimai atskleidė, kad didžioji dalis kūrybinių industrijų sampratą ir subsektorų klasifikaciją yra paremta supranacionalinių organizacijų bei D. Britanijos pateiktu kūrybinių industrijų apibréžimu (Sigurdardottir ir Young, 2011), tačiau sampratos tarpusavyje skiriasi. Vienas iš itin ryškių skirtumų – autorų pozicijos kūrybinių ir kultūrinių industrijų santykio klausimui. Kai kurie autoriai kūrybines ir kultūrines industrijas atskiria (Fahmi, Koster ir van Dijk, 2016; Potts, 2011), kiti kultūrines industrijas pripažista kaip kūrybinių industrijų dalį (Tomeczak, Stachowiak, 2015; Power, Nielsen, 2010; Pratt, 2008; Keane, Hartley, 2006). Siekiant adekvacių įvertinti kūrybines industrijas bei jų poveikį šalies ekonomikai, būtina suformuoti tyrimui atlirktyti tinkamą kūrybinių industrijų sampratą, apimančią ir subsektorų klasifikaciją.

Nors kūrybinės industrijos yra dažna viešojo diskurso tema, jos siejamos su teigiamu poveikiu šalies ekonomikai, tvariai ir įtraukia veikla, tačiau mažai tirti kūrybinių industrijų formavimasi ir vystymasi lemiantys veiksnių. Įvairiuose

moksliniuose darbuose (Tomczak, Stachowiak, 2015; White, Gunasekaran ir Roy, 2014; Goede ir Louisa, 2012; Comunian, Chapain ir Clifton, 2010; Goede, 2009; DeNatale ir Wassal, 2007; Florida, 2002) aptariami kūrybinių industrių formavimosi ir vystymosi veiksniai gali būti skirstomi į panašių veiksnių grupes, tačiau nėra tyréjų konsensuso, kurios veiksnių grupės yra esminės. Mokslinės literatūros analizė parodė, kad viena daugiausiai nagrinėjamų kūrybinių industrių vystymosi prielaidų yra kūrybinis miestas (Florida, Mellander ir King, 2015; Tomczak, Stachowiak, 2015; Yigitcanlar, Lonnqvist ir Salonišius, 2014; Ashton, 2011; Levickaitė ir Reimeris, 2011; Huang, Chen ir Chang, 2009; Meusburger, 2009; Landry, 2000), tačiau būtina pastebėti, kad pati kūrybinio miesto samprata yra palyginti nauja ir neturi unifikuotos sampratos. Kita vertus, kūrybinių industrių sektorius ypatumai taip pat nėra pakankamai ištirti. Tai lemia neefektyvius ir netikslingus bandymus stiprinti kūrybines industrijas, o per jas – ir kūrybos ekonomiką bendraja prasme. Esama padėties sunkina kūrybinių industrių formavimosi ir vystymosi priemonių taikymą, kartu ir kūrybinių industrių poveikio šalies ekonomikai vertinimą. Vieninga vertinimo sistema nėra sukurta ir naudojama tiek dėl varijuojančių kūrybinių industrių sampratų skirtingose šalyse (Pitts, 2015; OE, 2014; Cunningham ir Potts, 2014; Ashton, 2011; Sigurdardottir, Young, 2011; SAGPA, 2009; van der Pol, 2007; KEA, 2006; Jones ir kt., 2004 ir kt. autorai), tiek ir dėl skirtingai renkamos ir pateikiamas statistikos.

Akivaizdu, kad kūrybinių industrių poveikio šalies ekonomikai vertinimas tampa aktualiu klausimu, tačiau moksliniai tyrimai yra fragmentiški, o kūrybinių industrių poveikis šalies ekonomikai dažniausiai vertinamas pagal pavienius rodiklius, atspindinčius kūrybinių industrių sektorius sukuriamas darbo vietas (Pitts, 2015; White ir kt., 2014; Goede, Louisa, 2012; Levickaitė, Reimeris, 2011; Power, Nielsen, 2010; Potts, Cunningham, 2008; Pratt, 2008; Stolarick, Florida, 2006; Matheson, 2006; Florida, Tinagli, 2004; Turok, 2003 ir kt. autorai), pridėtinę vertę (Tomczak, Stachowiak, 2015; De Propris, 2013; Hotho ir Champion, 2011; Sigurdardottir, Young, 2011; White, 2010; Huang ir kt., 2009 ir kt. autorai) ar eksporto apimtis (Minska – Struzik, 2014; Malem, 2008; Garnham, 2005; Jones ir kt., 2004 ir kt. autorai). Tyrimais nustatyta, kad kūrybinių industrių poveikis šalies ekonomikai negali būti matuojamas tik ekonominiais rodikliais – šis poveikis yra kur kas platesnis, pasireiškiantis ne tik ekonominėje, bet ir socialinėje-kultūrinėje ir aplinkosaugos poveikio srityse (pvz., Cunningham, Potts, 2014; Boix ir kt., 2013; Eikhof, Warhurst, 2012; Bandarin ir kt., 2011; Gibbon, 2011; Levickaitė, Reimeris, 2011; Sigurdardottir, Young, 2011; White, 2010; Pratt, 2008; van del Pol, 2007; Stolarick, Florida, 2006; Mažeikis ir kt., 2005; Florida, Tinagli, 2004; Oakley, 2004 ir kt. autorai).

Apibendrinant galima konstatuoti, kad kūrybinių industrių poveikis šalies ekonomikai mokslinėje literatūroje nagrinėjamas gana plačiai, tačiau itin paviršutiniškai, nėra sukurtos bendros metodologijos, leidžiančios vertinti ir palyginti šalis pagal kūrybinių industrių įtaką šalies ekonomikai.

**Mokslinė problema** – kaip įvertinti ir palyginti šalis pagal kūrybinių industrijų poveikį šalies ekonomikai.

**Mokslinio tyrimo objektas** – kūrybinių industrijų poveikis šalies ekonomikai.

**Mokslinio tyrimo tikslas** – sudaryti kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai modelį, integruojantį ekonominį, socialinį-kultūrinį kūrybinių industrijų poveikį ir jų poveikį aplinkosaugai, jo pagrindu suformuoti kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai vertinimo indeksą ir pritaikyti empiriškai Europos Sąjungos šalių narių atveju.

**Mokslinio tyrimo uždaviniai:**

1. Atliekti kūrybinių industrijų sampratos analizę ir nustatyti pagrindines kūrybinių industrijų charakteristikas bei struktūrą, parodant kūrybinių ir kultūrinių industrijų tarpusavio santykį.
2. Ištirti kūrybines industrijas kūrybos ekonomikos kontekste ir nustatyti esmines kūrybinių industrijų formavimosi prielaidas, atskleidžiant kūrybinių industrijų ir kūrybinių miestų tarpusavio sėsdamas bei kūrybines industrijas veikiančius veiksnius.
3. Nustatyti kūrybinių industrijų sektorius ypatumus ir kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai kryptis bei sritis.
4. Remiantis nustatytomis kūrybinių industrijų formavimosi prielaidomis ir įvardytomis kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai kryptimis bei sritimis, sudaryti kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai modelį ir jo pagrindu suformuoti kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai vertinimo indeksą.
5. Empiriškai pritaikyti kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai vertinimo indeksą, apskaičiuojant jo reikšmes Europos Sąjungos šalims narėms 2008–2014 m. bei atliekant minėtų šalių palyginimą pagal KI poveikį šalies ekonomikai.

**Tyrimo metodai:**

- Sisteminė ir lyginamoji mokslinėje literatūroje paskelbtų koncepcijų ir išvadų kūrybinių industrijų tematika analizė, grindžiama lyginamuoju, klasifikavimo, sisteminimo ir apibendrinimo metodais;
- Ekspertinis vertinimas (anketinė apklausa);
- Koreliacinė ir regresinė analizė;
- Tyrimo rezultatų matematinė, sisteminė ir klasterinė analizė, naudojant statistines duomenų apdorojimo programas SPSS, Microsoft Excel ir programinę įrangą R.

**Disertacijos mokslinį naujumą rodo šie rezultatai:**

- *Disertacijoje pagrįsta kūrybinių industrijų samprata, paremta pagrindinėmis kūrybinių industrijų charakteristikomis bei struktūrinių dalių išskyrimu. Disertacijoje atlikta analizė pagrindžia plačios ir*

įvairiaaspektės kūrybinių industrių sampratos, įtraukiančios ir kultūrines industrijas, pritaikomumą ir universalų subsektorių klasifikavimą. Kūrybinės industrijos suprantamos kaip individualiai kūrybiniai gebėjimai ir talentu pagrįstos veiklos, kurių procese sukuriamas produktas ne tik pasižymi simbolinė reikšme, bet ir turi praktinę naudą, gali būti saugomas intelekstinės nuosavybės teisių, o pačios kūrybinės industrijos turi potencialą kurti darbo vietas bei materialią gerovę. Kūrybinės industrijos yra skirtomos į keturis pagrindinius sektorius, tai: 1) paveldas, 2) menai, 3) medijos ir 4) funkciniai produktai.

- *Suformuotas kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai modelis, apimantis kūrybinių industrijų formavimosi veiksnius bei poveikio šalies ekonomikai kryptis ir sritis.* Disertacijoje pateikiamas modelis sudarytas praplečiant ankstesniuose moksliniuose tyrimuose taikytas metodikas, nes ne tik apima kūrybinių industrijų formavimosi veiksnius, bet ir integruoja ekonominio, socialinio-kultūrinio ir aplinkosaugos poveikio šalies ekonomikai sritis ir šias sritis apibūdinančias poveikio kryptis.
- *Sukurtas kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai (KIPE) vertinimo indeksas.* Pasiūlytas KIPE indeksas yra kompleksinis, t. y. vertina integruotą kūrybinių industrijų poveikį šalies ekonomikai, sujungdamas ekonominio, socialinio-kultūrinio poveikio ir poveikio aplinkosaugai sritis, jas sudarančias poveikio kryptis ir dedamąsias, išreikštus naujais rodiklių rinkiniais.
- *Nustatytais kiekvienos Europos Sąjungos šalies narės vertinimas KIPE indeksu, įgalinantį palyginti kūrybinių industrijų poveikį šalies ekonomikai kitų tyrimo šalių kontekste.* Gauti empirinio tyrimo rezultatai rodo sudaryto KIPE indekso tinkamumą. Indeksas yra lengvai taikomas praktiškai ir gali būti naudojamas analizuojant pasirinktą šalių grupę ar regioną, tyrimui reikalingą laikotarpį.
- *Parengta KIPE indekso taikymo metodika įgalina vertinti kūrybinių industrijų poveikį šalies ekonomikai skirtingais pjūviais ir identifikuoti gerąsias kūrybinių industrijų praktikas, teikti kūrybinių industrijų vystymo rekomendacijas.*

**Disertacijos struktūra.** Disertaciją sudaro trys dalys. Pirmojoje disertacijos dalyje analizuojama kūrybinių industrijų samprata, kūrybinių ir kultūrinių industrijų santykis, kūrybinės industrijos kūrybos ekonominicos kontekste ir kūrybinių industrijų formavimosi prielaidos. Antrojoje dalyje aptariami kūrybinių industrijų sektoriaus ypatumai, šio sektoriaus poveikio ekonominai sritys ir jas sudarančios poveikio kryptys, sudaromas kūrybinių industrijų poveikio šalies ekonomikai modelis, aprašomos modelio struktūrinės dalys ir pateikiamas konceptualusis tyrimo modelis, kuriuo remiantis atliekamas

kūrybinių industrių poveikio šalies ekonomikai vertinimas. Trečiojoje dalyje pateikiama kūrybinių industrių poveikio šalies ekonomikai empirinio tyrimo metodika, atliekamas kūrybinių industrių poveikio šalies ekonomikai tyrimas Europos Sajungos šalyse narėse 2008–2014 m., kiekvieną šalį vertinant KIPE indeksu kitą šalių kontekste. Remiantis atlikto tyrimo rezultatais, pateikiamos išvados ir rekomendacijos.

**Tyrimo apribojimai.** Itin svarbu pabrėžti, kad kūrybinių industrių sampratos Europos Sajungos šalyse skiriasi. Tokia situacija sudaro kliūčių kūrybinių industrių sektorui apsibrėžti, o tai savo ruožtu lemia sunkiai pamatuojamas ir tarpusavyje palyginamas kūrybinių industrių sektorius sudarančias veiklas.

Stokojant tarpusavyje palyginamų kūrybines industrijas apibūdinančių duomenų, remiamasi Europos Sajungos statistikos tarnybos EUROSTAT pateikiamais duomenimis pagal ekonominės veiklos rūšių klasifikatorių.

Skirtingos kūrybinių industrijų sampratos ir skirtingai pateikiama statistika apriboja objektyvų kūrybinių industrių poveikio šalies ekonomikai vertinimą. Dėl šios priežasties tyrimu yra nustatoma kiekvienos Europos Sajungos šalies narės padėtis pagal kūrybinių industrių poveikį šalies ekonomikai visų šalių narių kontekste. Kadangi Europos Sajunga akcentuoja kūrybinių industrių skatinimo ir plėtros svarbą, yra numatoma vienodinti kūrybinių industrijų sampratas ir tobulinti kūrybines industrijas aprašančiu statistinių duomenų rinkimą bei pateikimą.

**Disertacijos apimtis.** Disertaciją sudaro 162 puslapiai, 42 paveikslai, 46 lentelės, 44 priedai. Panaudoti 175 mokslinės literatūros šaltiniai lietuvių ir anglų kalbomis.

**Disertacijos mokslinių rezultatų publikavimas.** Disertacijos tyrimų rezultatai pristatyti tarptautinėse mokslinėse konferencijose, paskelbti tarptautiniuose mokslo leidiniuose. Tyrimo rezultatai paskelbti penkiose mokslinėse publikacijose.

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