

Geographical Potential and Prospects for Regional Development of the Ganja-Dashkasan Economic Region

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Abstract

The Ganja-Dashkasan Economic Region has significant natural-resource, agricultural, industrial, transport, and recreational potential. The aim of the study is to provide a comprehensive geographical assessment of the region's potential and to identify prospects for its spatial development. Based on comparative-geographical, systemic-structural, and resource-geographical approaches, the study examines natural resources, industry, agriculture, transport, tourism, and the main territorial constraints. It has been established that the prospects for sustainable development of the region are associated with economic diversification, rational use of natural resources, deep processing of raw materials, modernization of agriculture, development of tourism, and improvement of infrastructure. It is proposed to consider Ganja as a regional urban core functionally connected with the mining, agricultural, and recreational areas of the region.

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