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## ECONOMIC SENSE OF NON-LIFE INSURANCE AND SPECIFIC RISKS<sup>1</sup>

**Abstract:** The insurance is one of the most important parts of the financial market with respect to trading risks. Although the life insurance is better understood in the public, the non-life insurance plays at least as an important role in society as life insurance. Every company as well as insurance companies need to understand how to respond to current trends and globalisation. The knowledge of these trends by identifying the most important risks helps them to stand up to the competition and be successful in the insurance market. The emergence of these risks will have serious consequences for the insurance industry. And what is more, there are still new and new risks which are more interconnected.

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## Introduction

From the outset, insurance appears simultaneously with the appearance of human society. People, companies and other entities are a accompanied by various risks during their whole life. Risks are a threat to their health, property, interests and also cause unexpected losses. Because it is not possible to avert from risk at every time there is the insurance as a tool of transferring risk to insurance company. Insurance is perhaps the best way to reduce these potential problems. Although life insurance is better understood in the public, the non-life insurance plays at least as an important a role in society as life insurance. Despite many of the experts in the insurance still remain unaware of the functions and benefits of insurance and insurance industry.

Our main aim in this research is bring the comprehensive perspective of non-life insurance through the economic sense, role in society and numerous functions in the economy. Non-life insurance cannot be identified without the knowledge of the most important risks. Aim is also related to identification of the most important risks and new risks which endanger the insurance industry.

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