

Christian democracy in Central European countries which found themselves under the influence of the Soviet Union was not given the opportunity to play an important role in the development of the region in a way which was achieved by the Christian democrats after 1945 in the Western part of Europe. A fundamental role in this process was assumed by external conditions, and interventions from the outside became the decisive factor. Nevertheless, despite the relatively short period of time lasting in fact only two years, both identical traits and differences clearly manifested themselves in the understanding of what guiding idea of a party with this programme delimitation should be.