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BUDGET POLICY IN ENSURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF UKRAINIAN REGIONS UNDER MARTIAL LAW

The relevance of the article is determined by the need to clarify the role of budget policy as an instrument for the development of Ukrainian regions under martial law, when financial decisions made by the state and local self-government bodies must simultaneously ensure the basic resilience of communities, compensation for territorial losses, continuity of public services and infrastructure recovery. Under wartime conditions, budget policy can no longer be interpreted only as a mechanism for the annual allocation of revenues and expenditures. It becomes an institutional means of spatial stabilization, since budget programs, intergovernmental transfers and public investments determine the capacity of regions to adapt to the loss of their economic base, infrastructure destruction, migration pressure and uneven recovery. The purpose of the article is to deepen the theoretical and applied foundations of budget policy in ensuring the development of Ukrainian regions under martial law based on the assessment of the interaction between the own revenue base of local budgets, intergovernmental transfers, regional development budget programs and public investment mechanisms. The research methodology is based on a combination of systemic, structural-functional, comparative, statistical and program-target approaches, which made it possible to consider budget policy not as a set of isolated indicators but as an interconnected system of financial decisions. The study summarizes current scientific approaches to local budgets, fiscal capacity, transfer support and public investments in regional development. The dynamics of local budget revenues in Ukraine for 2020-2025 is analyzed, the changing role of intergovernmental transfers during the war is identified, and the State Regional Development Fund is characterized as an instrument for moving from an estimate-based logic of financing to project-based management of results. It is substantiated that the growth of nominal local budget revenues does not automatically create a developmental effect unless it is accompanied by the restoration of capital expenditures, high-quality selection of budget programs, co-financing of public investment projects and a transparent system for evaluating their performance. The practical significance of the results lies in the possibility of using the proposed provisions to improve the budget policy of local self-government bodies, prepare regional development programs, select projects for financing and build a monitoring system for public investments. Further research should focus on developing an integrated index of regional budget capacity that combines own revenues, transfer dependence, capital expenditures, the quality of budget programs and the effectiveness of public investments.

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