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THEORETICAL FUNDAMENTALS OF FISCAL POLICY

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Abstract. *The importance of the place and role of fiscal policy in regulating the economy according to modern economic theories is generalized, the pluralism of scientific points of view to the essence of the concept of "fiscal policy" is investigated, the characteristic features of fiscal policy which are reflected in its purposes, tasks, the structural basis presented by tax and budgetary components, tools are allocated. Based on the results of comparative analysis, the author's interpretation of the concept of "fiscal policy" is provided from the standpoint of systemic, comprehensive and functional-targeted approaches. The clarification of the principles and functions of fiscal policy are further developed.*

Keywords: *fiscal policy, fiscal regulation, tax policy, budget policy, budget system, tax system, taxes, budget.*

The purpose of the article is to generalize the theoretical foundations and clarify the essence of the concept of "fiscal policy" for a more thorough understanding of ways to reform it and increase efficiency.

Modern economic theories consider the role of fiscal policy from the standpoint of economic regulation, which confirms the importance of its importance, on the one hand, and the evolutionary formation of the theoretical basis depending on the macromodel of regulation - on the other.

A comparative analysis of different approaches to the interpretation of the concept of "fiscal policy" allowed to establish their unity in terms of the essential basis, which consists in the system of measures, as well as the presence of its content-target orientation.

Critical analysis of interpretations of the concept of "fiscal policy" shows the

tendency of some researchers to identify it with the concept of fiscal mechanism, with varying degrees of detail defining goals, objectives, functions.

In the modern scientific literature, along with a broad and narrow approach, fiscal policy is identified with tax, budget or fiscal policy. We believe that the identification of fiscal policy with tax and budget is not correct enough.

Fiscal and tax and budgetary policies are often used interchangeably, probably because structural fiscal policies combine tax and budgetary components.

In our opinion, fiscal policy should be considered systematically and comprehensively, taking into account the functional-targeted approach, namely the implementation of its organizational and economic, incentive and regulatory functions.

Characteristic features of fiscal policy are determined by its goals and

objectives, principles and functions, resources and tools.

System of principles of fiscal policy today can be significantly expanded by including the following principles: timeliness, longevity, sustainability, consolidation, multidimensionality,

balance, sufficiency, diversification, information, transparency, integration.

Fiscal policy is based on a clearly defined institutional structure (budget and tax system) and sufficient formalization at the level of regulatory support of its tax and budget components.

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