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CHALLENGES OF POST-WAR CITY RECONSTRUCTION: THE EXPERIENCE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA FOR UKRAINE

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Abstract. The post-war challenges of the reconstruction of European cities are outlined based on the experience of the reconstruction of Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the volumes and directions of financial assistance of international organizations in the reconstruction are analysed, and a SWOT analysis of the reconstruction of Sarajevo is carried out. To avoid mistakes in the reconstruction of Ukrainian cities, the principles of such reconstruction, which will be based on the revitalization approach, are proposed.

Key words: post-war reconstruction, financial support of international financial organizations, reconstruction strategy, revitalization approach, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The problems of the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine as a whole, its economy, infrastructure, cities, and territories affected by hostilities are the focus of many discussions in the columns of newspapers, on television, and among scientists and practitioners. The post-war reconstruction of urban space is a new reality faced by dozens of cities and hundreds of settlements in our country. The analysis of scientific literature made it possible to outline a wide range of challenges faced by cities worldwide during the post-war reconstruction period. The methods of describing cases and interviewing political figures involved in the reconstruction of cities used in the research showed that the post-war reconstruction process was long, full of conflicts, confrontations, and low efficiency. From the experience of the urban reconstruction of Bosnia and Herzegovina, several key factors can be identified that contributed to the rapid recovery of the economy and the growth of the country's GDP in the short term - this is the active financial assistance of the world community, the predominance of grant funding over other forms, the priority restoration of infrastructure (roads, electric and water supply), involvement of expert consultations (in particular, the London School of Economics and the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies). However, the reconstruction of cities and the strategic

development of the economy in the long term faced many challenges that limited the positive impact of the above factors. The slowdown in growth and sometimes inefficient use of aid occurred because of the lack of institutional solutions, the lack of coordinated actions of local authorities and foreign reconstruction donors, the lack of transparency of processes, decisions and financial flows, and corruption schemes. Based on the conducted research, it was possible to single out the principles of reconstruction of Ukrainian cities. The principles are based on the experience of Bosnia and Herzegovina and allow us to avoid possible strategic mistakes in the future.

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