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INITIATIVE PROJECTS AND CROSS-SECTORAL COOPERATION AS A KEY TO SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

The article discusses the importance of initiative projects and cross-sectoral cooperation as the main mechanisms that contribute to the sustainable development of society. As modern socio-economic challenges require integrated approaches and mobilisation of resources from different areas, initiative projects are becoming an important tool for solving global and local problems. A key feature of such projects is their focus on the specific needs of citizens and their ability to bring about real change at the local community or even global level. Cross-sectoral cooperation is the basis for the successful implementation of initiative projects. It involves cooperation between government agencies, private companies, NGOs, and academic institutions. Each of these sectors has its own resources, knowledge and capabilities that need to be integrated to achieve common goals. The state can provide the regulatory framework and funding, the private sector can provide technological solutions and innovations, and NGOs can provide effective communication with the population and direct support on the ground.

The article also analyses specific examples of successful initiatives that have been implemented through effective cross-sectoral cooperation. One of these examples is projects related to the development of sustainable urban transport, where coordination between different sectors has reduced environmental pollution, improved transport infrastructure, and improved the quality of life of city residents. The authors of the article emphasise the benefits of cross-sectoral cooperation, such as increased efficiency in project implementation, the introduction of innovative solutions, and the ability to achieve sustainable results that have a long-term impact on society. The article demonstrates that only through close cooperation between all sectors can real changes be achieved that meet the requirements of the times and contribute to sustainable development.

In general, the article provides theoretical and practical recommendations for the development of initiative projects, contributing to a better understanding of the importance of cross-sectoral cooperation for achieving social and economic progress.

Key words: *initiative project, implementation, intersectoral cooperation, society, sustainable development.*

Formulation of the problem. The current socio-economic conditions, characterised by rapid changes in the global environment, require society to find new approaches to solve complex problems. Many of these problems are complex and multifaceted, requiring a comprehensive approach to solving them. In this context, initiative projects focused on the specific needs of communities are becoming an important tool for overcoming various challenges, such as social inequality, environmental disasters, the economic crisis, climate change, and others. However, the effectiveness of such projects largely depends on the ability to mobilize resources and combine the efforts of different sectors of society – public, private, civil society and academia. Cross-sectoral collaboration, which is a key element for successful initiative projects, is still underdeveloped in many countries, resulting in inefficient use of resources, wasted time and untapped opportunities. Insufficient coordination between sectors, dif-

ferent interests and approaches, and the lack of clear mechanisms for cooperation can hinder the implementation of important social projects. As a result, social innovations do not always find their place in real life, and the promotion of sustainable development of society lags behind the required pace.

Thus, there is a need for an in-depth analysis of the role of intersectoral cooperation in the successful development of initiative projects, identification of factors that facilitate or hinder this process, and development of recommendations for improving mechanisms of cooperation between different sectors of society. The real challenge is how to organize such interaction in such a way that it becomes the basis for achieving sustainable and real changes that meet modern development requirements and improve the quality of life of communities.

Analysis of recent achievements and publications. There are a lot of scientific works [1–14], which

are devoted to individual issues of the topic under consideration. At the same time, at the moment, there is no comprehensive study aimed at solving the issue of forming a risk management system to improve the quality of implementation of initiative projects. Therefore, **the purpose of the article** is to study the role of initiative projects and intersectoral cooperation as the main factors contributing to the successful development of society. In particular, the goal is to analyze the importance of cooperation between the public, private, civil society and academic sectors for the implementation of socially significant projects aimed at solving the pressing problems of the modern world.

Presentation of the main material. Initiative projects are initiatives that arise in response to the needs of society, aimed at solving social, economic or environmental problems. They can be both large and small, but must have a clear goal and implementation strategy. The main characteristic of such projects is their ability to mobilise resources, engage different groups of people and create new solutions to existing problems [3].

An example of an initiative project could be the creation of educational programmes for disadvantaged groups, the development of new technologies for water purification, or the creation of green spaces in urban areas. It is important that the successful implementation of such projects requires the active participation of all sectors: government, business, and NGOs.

Cross-sectoral collaboration is the cooperation between government agencies, private companies, non-governmental organisations and academic institutions aimed at achieving common goals. It involves the exchange of knowledge, resources and expertise to effectively address problems that cannot be solved within a single sector [8].

Cross-sectoral cooperation allows for the use of the strengths of each sector. The state often has the necessary regulatory mechanisms and resources to support initiatives, the private sector can provide innovative technologies and funding, and civil society organisations provide direct engagement and understanding of local needs.

An example of successful cross-sectoral collaboration

One of the most prominent examples of successful cross-sectoral collaboration is sustainable urban transport initiatives. Such projects usually involve local authorities (who develop strategies and regulatory frameworks), private companies (who supply vehicles and infrastructure), and NGOs (who educate citizens and ensure that residents participate in project development). Such cooperation helps to solve

the problem of congestion, reduce environmental pollution and improve the quality of life in cities.

Cross-sectoral cooperation is a key factor for the successful implementation of initiative projects, as it allows for the pooling of resources, expertise and interests of different participants, which in turn significantly increases the effectiveness and sustainability of projects. Below are the main benefits of cross-sectoral cooperation [12].

1. Synergy of resources and capabilities

Each sector – public, private, civil society and academic – has its own unique resources, capabilities and expertise. Cross-sectoral collaboration allows these resources to be combined to achieve a common goal. For example:

- the state can provide the regulatory framework, as well as funding or subsidies for the project:
- the private sector brings innovative technology, investment, and management expertise:
- civil society organisations provide links to local communities, help organise volunteer initiatives and increase public participation:
- academic institutions can contribute research and analytical data that will help to better understand problems and find optimal solutions.

This synergy allows for more comprehensive and effective solutions than if each sector works separately.

2. Innovation and creativity

Cross-sectoral cooperation fosters innovation, as different actors with different perspectives and approaches are able to create new ideas and solutions. For example, cooperation between academic institutions and private companies can lead to the development of new technologies that will significantly improve project efficiency. Such innovative approaches can be the basis for solving complex social or environmental problems.

3. Expanding funding opportunities

Successful cross-sectoral collaboration allows for a variety of funding sources. The government can provide government grants or subsidies, private companies can invest, and NGOs can raise charitable funds or mobilise volunteer resources. This approach reduces financial risks and ensures the project's long-term sustainability.

4. Increase the efficiency of project implementation

When different sectors come together to implement a project, it allows for faster and better results. Each sector complements the other and provides solutions to specific problems. For example, government agencies can help with permits and coordination with other agencies, businesses can provide technological

support, and NGOs can organise local support and activate the population.

5. Sustainability and long-term results

Projects implemented through cross-sectoral cooperation usually have a more sustainable impact. This is because each of the participants is interested in the long-term success of the project, and they work to create solutions that meet the needs and requirements of all parties. Cross-sectoral collaboration helps to ensure the sustainability of projects, avoiding losses or failures due to short-term approaches.

6. Engaging a wider range of stakeholders

Cross-sectoral cooperation helps to involve different stakeholders in the project. The state provides political and legal support, business provides technology and investment, and NGOs provide public support. This creates a sense of collective responsibility for the success of the project and allows for a wider range of participants, which increases the chances of success.

7. Improved communication and transparency

Cross-sectoral cooperation provides greater transparency in decision-making and project implementation. Involvement of different stakeholders promotes better communication between them, which helps to avoid conflicts of interest, ensure open discussion of important issues, and respond to changes or problems in a timely manner. This increases trust among participants and the public, which is an important aspect for the successful implementation of projects.

8. Improving social impact and increasing social responsibility

Cross-sectoral cooperation allows for the implementation of projects that have a significant social impact. Such initiatives often contribute to the development of local communities, improvement of living conditions, social integration of different groups of people, and ensuring equal opportunities for all. At the same time, each participant not only realizes their interests but also contributes to the achievement of more significant social goals.

9. Adaptability and flexibility of projects

Cooperation between different sectors allows projects to be more flexible and able to adapt to changing conditions. Since each sector has its own specifics and approaches to solving problems, mixing these approaches allows us to find solutions that best meet current conditions and time requirements.

Cross-sectoral cooperation is an important and indispensable element for the successful implementation of initiative projects. It allows to use the advantages of each sector, ensures innovation, increases the efficiency of project implementation, promotes

sustainable development, and creates conditions for achieving long-term results. An important advantage of such cooperation is also the increased transparency and communication between participants, which reduces the risk of conflict and improves mutual understanding [9].

One of the biggest advantages of cross-sectoral collaboration is that it ensures that initiative projects are highly adaptable and flexible. In today's fast-paced world, the ability of projects to respond quickly to new challenges and adapt to changing conditions is critical. Cross-sectoral cooperation allows for this flexibility by bringing together different approaches, resources, and expertise from different sectors.

Each sector has its own characteristics, constraints and opportunities:

public authorities can adapt quickly to policy changes, but are often constrained by bureaucratic procedures and regulatory frameworks;

private companies are able to rapidly introduce innovative solutions and technologies, but their solutions are often aimed at achieving commercial benefits, which may not always be in line with social goals;

NGOs work directly with the population, can quickly identify local needs and adjust their actions depending on changes on the ground;

academic institutions are able to generate new knowledge and develop scientific approaches, but often have less capacity to respond quickly to real problems that arise in practice.

Cross-sectoral collaboration allows for the combination of these different capacities and approaches, allowing projects to be more adaptive to changes in the external environment. For example, if unforeseen problems arise during the project implementation (e.g., changes in the economic situation, new environmental requirements, or even social crises), each of the participants can make adjustments and adapt the strategy to ensure the effective implementation of the initiative.

It is also important to note that a project's ability to adapt increases when a feedback system is created between participants in the process of cooperation. Since each sector has different approaches and strategies, constant discussion of problems and the search for new solutions allows the project to change course as needed, which significantly reduces the risk of failure.

In addition, this flexibility allows projects to respond quickly to new opportunities. For example, with the advent of new technologies or changes in legislation, projects implemented under the cross-sec-

toral model can implement these changes in their activities faster than projects operating within a single sector. This allows the project to remain relevant at all stages of its implementation.

Thus, the flexibility and adaptability of cross-sectoral projects are important advantages, as they allow maintaining project effectiveness even in complex and changing environments, responding quickly to new challenges, and integrating innovative solutions that ensure the success of initiatives in the long term.

Conclusions. An analysis of initiative projects and cross-sectoral cooperation shows that these two elements are key to ensuring sustainable development of society and effectively addressing social, economic and environmental issues. Initiative projects focused on the specific needs of communities can influence changes in society, creating new opportunities for improving the quality of life, infrastructure development, and equality. However, in order to achieve maximum results from such projects, it is not only the idea that is important, but also the ability to establish effective interaction between all participants – government agencies, private companies, NGOs, and academic institutions. Cross-sectoral interaction, which ensures synergy between different sectors of society, is a prerequisite for the successful implementation of initiative projects. Cooperation between the state, business and NGOs allows mobilising significant resources, innovative solutions and practical experience to effectively address social and environ-

mental issues. However, cross-sectoral cooperation does not always work properly. Problems such as insufficient coordination between participants, conflicting interests, and the lack of clear mechanisms for cooperation can lead to inefficient use of resources and delayed project implementation.

Identifying and removing barriers to cross-sectoral cooperation is an important step towards effectively using the potential of each sector. One of the key aspects is to develop mechanisms that would ensure transparency, clarity and coherence between all participants. This includes establishing platforms for sharing knowledge and resources, setting common goals, and ensuring proper communication. The role of innovation and technological solutions is also important, as they can significantly increase the efficiency of initiative projects. Technology, particularly in the areas of sustainability, resource management, ecology, and social innovation, can significantly improve project implementation.

Therefore, the successful implementation of initiative projects depends on the ability to create effective cross-sectoral cooperation, which in turn will contribute to the sustainable development of society, improving its economic situation, social justice and environmental sustainability. Determining a strategy for interaction and overcoming existing barriers is an important step in creating a favourable environment for innovation and solving current problems at all levels.

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Гасюк І.Л. ІНІЦІАТИВНІ ПРОЄКТИ І МІЖСЕКТОРНА ВЗАЄМОДІЯ ЯК ЗАПОРУКА УСПІШНОГО РОЗВИТКУ СУСПІЛЬСТВА

У статті розглядається важливість ініціативних проектів та міжсекторної взаємодії як основних механізмів, що сприяють сталому розвитку суспільства. Оскільки сучасні соціально-економічні виклики потребують комплексних підходів та мобілізації ресурсів з різних сфер, ініціативні проекти стають важливим інструментом для вирішення глобальних та локальних проблем. Ключовою особливістю таких проектів є їхня орієнтація на конкретні потреби громадян і здатність забезпечити реальні зміни на рівні місцевих громад або навіть на глобальному рівні. Міжсекторна взаємодія є основою для успішної реалізації ініціативних проектів. Вона передбачає співпрацю між державними органами, приватними компаніями, громадськими організаціями та академічними установами. Кожен з цих секторів має свої ресурси, знання та можливості, які необхідно інтегрувати для досягнення спільних цілей. Держава здатна забезпечити нормативно-правову базу та фінансування, приватний сектор – технологічні рішення та інновації, а громадські організації – ефективну комунікацію з населенням та надання безпосередньої підтримки на місцях.

У статті також аналізуються конкретні приклади успішних ініціатив, що були реалізовані завдяки ефективній міжсекторній співпраці. Один із таких прикладів – проекти, пов'язані з розвитком сталого міського транспорту, де завдяки координації між різними секторами вдалося знизити забруднення навколишнього середовища, поліпшити транспортну інфраструктуру та підвищити рівень життя мешканців міст. Автори статті підкреслюють переваги міжсекторної взаємодії, такі як підвищення ефективності реалізації проектів, впровадження інноваційних рішень, здатність досягати сталих результатів, що мають довгостроковий вплив на суспільство. Стаття демонструє, що тільки через тісну співпрацю між усіма секторами можна досягти реальних змін, що відповідають вимогам часу і сприяють сталому розвитку.

Загалом, стаття надає теоретичні та практичні рекомендації для розвитку ініціативних проектів, сприяючи кращому розумінню важливості міжсекторної взаємодії для досягнення соціального та економічного прогресу.

Ключові слова: ініціативний проект, реалізація, міжсекторна взаємодія, суспільство, сталий розвиток.