

7. The issue of corruption in Ukraine

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Introduction. During the last decade, the government of Ukraine try to conquer the problem of corruption since its consequences significantly affect the state of socio-economic stability of country. Therefore, to reduce or counteract them in the future it is necessary to study the causes and the current state of inflation in Ukraine.

Materials and methods. The aim of the research is to study the impact of corruption on the economy of Ukraine. The research and analysis of the information base of scientific works and developments of domestic and foreign investigators in this topic were applied as the information base of this study.

Results. Corruption is “illegal or dishonest behavior, especially by people in positions of power”. (Cambridge Dictionary). The main tool of corruption is bribery. Bribery is “the act of offering someone money or something valuable in order to persuade them to do something for you”. (Collins Dictionary) The main object of the system of corrupt relations is a civil servant. Individuals and entrepreneurs also encourage the existence of corruption by bribing a civil servant in order to obtain individual privileges and competitive advantages. Corruption is one of the biggest problem facing governments in all countries.

There is a minimum level of corruption in democratic countries with free press, open economy, developed trade and the average income in amount of one-third of the income of citizens. Countries that depend on the export of fuel and raw materials, have a complex regulatory and legislative system, and unstable economy, have a very high level of corruption. The strength of the impact of corruption on the economy depends on the legal and institutional framework of the country, and on the quality of governance and political regime.

According to the Global Corruption Barometer 2015-2016, Ukraine is one of the most corrupted country in Europe, where only 68% of Ukrainian citizens are ready to protest against corruption. However, only 36% agree to act. This is due to many reasons: 43% of respondents believe that the level of corruption in Ukraine has increased significantly over the past two years, 74% believe that the public sector is corrupted, 80% claimed that the government's actions against corruption are ineffective. Only 4% of respondents believe that the state fight against corruption has at least some result. At the same time, 83% say that it is important to have personal contact when dealing with issues in the public sector, and 84% - that the government is operated by organizations acting in their own interest. There is no doubt that corruption processes in Ukraine have acquired the most dangerous and widespread socially negative form.

There are many causes of corruption, but the consequences are more important. We can clearly see them in Ukraine. Worst of all, these problems have led to disbelief in the effectiveness of public policy. Many problems can be prevented by the following actions: improving the legal framework in the fight against corruption in accordance with international standards, minimization of state intervention in market affairs, solution of existing economic problems by market methods and ensuring transparency of privatization processes and transparency in the use of proceeds from the sale of state property.

Conclusions. Corruption is a real problem for Ukraine. Without overcoming corruption in the country, it won't be possible to implement European development path in Ukraine. Therefore, the task to reduce its consequences is entrusted to the National Agency on Corruption Prevention, which is the central executive body.