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RESEARCH OF THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL TAXATION PARAMETERS ON THE INDICATORS OF SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT¹

The article is devoted to the study of the preconditions and peculiarities of the application of environmental taxation instruments for the implementation of the concept of “green” economy in the world. An analysis of world researches on the impact of environmental taxes on the indicators of sustainable development and socio-economic status has been conducted. Based on the analytical tools, a panel regression analysis of environmental taxation effects has been performed. The results of the assessment of the relationship between these indicators and the parameters of sustainable development should be the basis for the development of environmental policy aimed at reducing the burden on the environment and targeted funding for ecosystem protection. Prospects for further work are to develop guidelines for the formation of mechanisms for financial support of environmental activities and study the effectiveness of environmental and economic instruments of taxation.

Key words: environmental taxation, tax revenues, ecological culture, sustainable development.

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Formulation of the problem. At present, it is extremely important for the whole world to reduce the level of environmental pollution, which is caused mainly by anthropogenic factors and causes significant damage to public health. Environmental taxes are the effective tool for this task, they are capable of integrating environmental policy objectives into the state's tax policies. The main advantages of their application include their static efficiency, which is manifested by the achievement of environmental goals in the most cost-effective way. The dynamic effectiveness of environmental taxes is determined by the creation of a permanent incentive for taxpayers to reduce their tax base through the possibility of cost savings due to the reduction of environmental tax obligations. This leads to a reduction of environmental pollution in the long run. The application of environmental taxes implements the guiding principle of environmental policy: “polluter and user pay full price”. The study of environmental taxes on compliance with this principle of environmental policy is extremely important in the context of the successful implementation of Ukraine’s Environmental Strategy until 2030. This principle should be applied systematically and without exception to all sources of emissions, whether stationary or mobile, equally to individuals and legal entities.

Analysis of recent research and publications, highlighting previously unresolved issues. Edenhofer et al. [4] believe that fiscal reforms in the field

of environmental taxation that reduce subsidies and increase tax rates will not only help mitigate climate change, but can also increase the economic efficiency of national tax systems and provide additional government revenue that can be used to help human development.

In their work, Shmelev and Speck used an econometric approach to analyze the effectiveness of energy and carbon taxes in Sweden, one of the first countries to introduce a CO₂ tax, and to evaluate the impact of extensive environmental tax reform in that country. The results showed that the CO₂ tax alone was not sufficient to cause a significant change in CO₂ emissions in Sweden, except in the case of gasoline. On the other hand, taxes on energy, coal and liquefied gas were statistically significant. It was also understood that technological innovations in the form of nuclear and hydropower development had played a significant role in reducing CO₂ emissions in Sweden, as well as raising oil prices [9,1]. A domestic scientist Novitskaya [7] found that energy taxes had the most significant impact on the divergence of resource consumption, environmental burden and economic growth.

Using a distributed lag analysis, Rochie [8] has found that environmental tax has an impact on environmental costs and environmental innovation with a 4-year grace period. Based on the simulation results, it has been found that a 1% increase in environmental tax revenue leads to a 3.2% reduction in eco-innovation. This indicates that the dynamic effectiveness

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of the environmental tax has not emerged, and environmental taxation is not currently a strong stimulus motivator for innovation.

Kararo et al. [6] have argued that the “employment double-dividend hypothesis” implies that an environmentally friendly fiscal reform has been devised, whereby emissions costs are used to subsidize employers’ social security contributions, can implement (at least) two relevant policy objectives: improving the quality of the environment and, at the same time, increasing employment.

The European countries have expanded the use of the environmental taxation instruments by creating new tax bases. Chiroleu-Assouline and Fodha have evaluated whether there can be an improvement in Pareto's environmental tax reform when pollution tax revenues are reworked by changing the properties of the labor tax. They have shown that, regardless of the degree of environmental tax regression, a recycling mechanism can be devised that will make tax reform more effective while reducing wage tax and increasing its variability [3].

Kremer et al. [2] have built a model with four groups of households that have benefits in terms of labor supply, consumption of polluting (energy) and non-polluting (non-energy) goods and emissions. They quantify the model for the French economy and calculate its optimal tax equilibrium under the nine best tax regimes. It has emerged that the redistributive role of environmental taxes requires that polluting goods be taxed at a rate far below marginal social damage.

Rapanos [11] states that pollution taxes are one of

the tools that are often proposed to reduce pollution. In his study, he examines the impact of consumption taxes on polluting industries, factor and commodity prices, and products. The analysis shows that standard neoclassical models of tax cases may not be adequate in the study of the above effects, and that a clear inclusion of external factors of influence is required.

The purpose of the article is to study the prerequisites and features of the use of environmental taxation instruments to implement the concept of a "green" economy in the world and assess the impact of environmental taxation instruments on the indicators of socio-ecological-economic development.

Presenting main material. Many domestic and foreign scientists have determined that environmental taxation is intended to stimulate the mass introduction of innovative technologies, to promote the implementation of environmental policy programs in all countries, to ensure the efficiency of the bodies of the fiscal service, to stimulate the modernization of all spheres of human life to preserve the environment for future generations.

To assess the impact of environmental taxation on environmental performance, a panel regression analysis has been applied using Stata software, which allowed to estimate the average linkage rate for a sample of 7 countries (Ukraine, Poland, the Czech Republic, Latvia, France, Belarus, the Slovak Republic) over the study period covering 2009-2018.

The following indicators of environmental taxation have been selected for the study: the share of environmental taxes in tax revenues (The share of ET

Table 1 – Results of estimation of influence of environmental taxation parameters on indicators of socio-ecological-economic development for the period 2009–2018.

Factor variables	Coefficient	Standard error	Z	P> z	Lower 95%	Top 95%
Unemployment rate						
The share of ET in TR	-0.813	0.483	-1.680	0.092	-1.759	0.133
The share of ET in GDP	-1.308	1.450	-0.900	0.367	-4.150	1.534
The level of innovation of enterprises						
The share of ET in TR	0.263	0.108	2.430	0.015	0.051	0.476
The share of ET in GDP	0.778	0.300	2.590	0.010	0.189	1.367
The share of the working population						
The share of ET in TR	0.118	0.048	2.440	0.015	0.023	0.212
The share of ET in GDP	0.224	0.159	1.410	0.158	-0.087	0.535
Health care						
The share of ET in TR	-76.901	61.554	-1.250	0.212	-197.545	43.742
The share of ET in GDP	-266.504	193.560	-1.380	0.169	-645.875	112.868
Energy consumption						
The share of ET in TR	-0.005	0.045	-0.120	0.903	-0.093	0.082
The share of ET in GDP	-0.073	0.135	-0.540	0.589	-0.338	0.192
Healthy life expectancy						
The share of ET in TR	-0.179	0.155	-1.160	0.247	-0.482	0.124
The share of ET in GDP	-0.061	0.472	-0.130	0.898	-0.987	0.865

Source: authors' calculations based on the data [6; 10; 12]

Table 2 – Results of estimation of influence of environmental taxation parameters on indicators of socio-ecological-economic development for the period 2009–2018 with a time lag of one year

Factor variables	Coefficient	Standard error	Z	P> z	Lower 95%	Top 95%
Unemployment rate						
The share of ET in TR	-0.337	0.515	-0.650	0.513	-1.346	0.672
The share of ET in GDP	0.026	1.410	0.020	0.985	-2.740	2.790
Increase in ET	0.002	0.037	0.060	0.954	-0.070	0.074
The level of innovation of enterprises						
The share of ET in TR	0.135	0.110	1.220	0.223	-0.082	0.351
The share of ET in GDP	0.449	0.286	1.570	0.117	0.112	1.009
Increase in ET	-0.020	0.008	-2.480	0.013	-0.036	-0.004
The share of the working population						
The share of ET in TR	0.047	0.058	0.810	0.416	-0.066	0.160
The share of ET in GDP	-0.022	0.170	-0.130	0.899	-0.354	0.311
Increase in ET	0.000	0.004	0.120	0.908	-0.007	0.008
Health care						
The share of ET in TR	-53.064	59.746	-0.890	0.374	-170.164	64.035
The share of ET in GDP	-63.344	174.858	-0.360	0.717	-406.058	279.371
Increase in ET	2.829	3.865	0.730	0.464	-4.746	10.404
Energy consumption						
The share of ET in TR	-0.014	0.048	-0.300	0.767	-0.108	0.079
The share of ET in GDP	-0.045	0.138	-0.320	0.746	-0.315	0.226
Increase in ET	0.002	0.003	0.500	0.620	-0.005	0.008
Healthy life expectancy						
The share of ET in TR	-0.178	0.166	-1.070	0.284	-0.504	0.148
The share of ET in GDP	-0.011	0.479	-0.020	0.982	-0.950	0.928
Increase in ET	-0.012	0.012	-1.040	0.297	-0.035	0.011

Source: authors' calculations based on the data [6; 10; 12]

Table 3 – Results of estimation of influence of environmental taxation parameters on indicators of socio-ecological-economic development for the period 2009–2018 with a time lag of three years

Factor variables	Coefficient	Standard error	Z	P> z	Lower 95%	Top 95%
Unemployment rate						
The share of ET in TR	0.350	0.567	0.620	0.537	-0.761	1.460
The share of ET in GDP	0.806	1.365	0.590	0.555	-1.868	3.481
Increase in ET	-0.012	0.030	-0.410	0.680	-0.072	0.047
The level of innovation of enterprises						
The share of ET in TR	0.098	0.114	0.860	0.390	-0.125	0.321
The share of ET in GDP	0.298	0.269	1.110	0.269	-0.230	0.826
Increase in ET	-0.019	0.006	-3.330	0.001	-0.031	-0.008
The share of the working population						
The share of ET in TR	0.015	0.058	0.260	0.796	-0.098	0.128
The share of ET in GDP	-0.028	0.143	-0.190	0.847	-0.308	0.253
Increase in ET	-0.002	0.003	-0.580	0.563	-0.007	0.004
Health care						
The share of ET in TR	86.771	92.831	0.930	0.350	-95.175	268.717
The share of ET in GDP	292.486	229.251	1.280	0.202	-156.838	741.810
Increase in ET	-1.159	4.567	-0.250	0.800	-10.110	7.793
Energy consumption						
The share of ET in TR	0.086	0.052	1.640	0.101	-0.017	0.189
The share of ET in GDP	0.300	0.144	2.080	0.038	0.017	0.583
Increase in ET	0.002	0.004	0.460	0.644	-0.005	0.009
Healthy life expectancy						
The share of ET in TR	-0.244	0.196	-1.250	0.213	-0.628	0.140
The share of ET in GDP	0.036	0.542	0.070	0.947	-1.026	1.098
Increase in ET	-0.007	0.014	-0.490	0.621	-0.035	0.021

Source: authors' calculations based on the data [6; 10; 12]

in TR), the share of environmental taxes in GDP (The share of ET in GDP), increase in environmental taxes (Increase in ET). The results of assessing the impact of environmental taxation parameters and indicators of socio-ecological-economic development on the basis of annual observations are presented in Table 1.

The above calculation results show that there is a close relationship between the investigated indicators. Thus, the share of environmental taxes in GDP and aggregate tax revenues have a significant impact on most indicators of socio-ecological-economic development, namely unemployment and innovation and healthy life expectancy. Firstly, this is due to the process of improving these parameters at the expense of these revenues. This means reducing the amount of harmful use of the environment, which testifies to the complexity of the country's environmental policy.

The effect of environmental taxes in the year after their application is somewhat worsening, but it also maintains a positive interaction dynamic. The close correlation between the increase in environmental taxes and the cost of innovation shows that this is improving by transforming some businesses and moving them to new technologies (Table 2).

The increase of effectiveness of environmental tax indicators in GDP, and tax revenues, and environmental tax is confirmed in relation to all selected parameters of socio-ecological-economic development, which indicates the significant impact of such indicators on the sustainability of socio-ecological-economic processes in this country samples again. An assessment of the impact on sustainability indicators of human development in the three-year perspective has revealed an improvement in the relationship between environmental tax increases and the innovation rate, as well as the share of environmental taxes in GDP and energy consumption (Table 3).

These results suggest that the desired effect of using environmental benefits can be obtained in three years.

Conclusion. The results of assessing the impact of environmental revenues on indicators of socio-ecological-economic development show that:

- unemployment rate changes due to environmental tax revenues increases with lag in one and three years;
- the level of innovations increases every year after the changes in environmental taxes;
- the indicator of working capacity decreases in a year or with a lag in one year after the changes of environmental policy, but reaches its minimum with a lag in three years;
- the health index decreases in a year of implementation the changes in environmental taxes and with a lag of three years, but increases rapidly with a lag of one year;
- the indicator of energy consumption decreases in a year of increase in environmental taxes and increases with a lag in one and three years;
- healthy life expectancy is almost unchanged in the year of environmental taxes growth and with a lag of one year, and this indicator tends to increase with a lag of three years.

From the analysis of the interaction between selected indicators, it follows that indicators of the use of environmental taxes significantly affect the general parameters of population health, efficiency, unemployment and innovation. Therefore, the use of environmental and economic taxation instruments will contribute to the effective implementation of environmental policy, creation additional incentives to limit the production and economic activity of economic entities that are harmful to the environment.

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ДОСЛІДЖЕННЯ ВПЛИВУ ПАРАМЕТРІВ ЕКОЛОГІЧНОГО ОПОДАТКУВАННЯ НА ІНДИКАТОРИ СОЦІО-ЕКОЛОГО-ЕКОНОМІЧНОГО РОЗВИТКУ

Стаття присвячена дослідженню передумов та особливостей застосування еколого-економічних інструментів оподаткування для провадження концепції «зеленої» економіки у світі. Проведено аналіз світових досліджень щодо впливу екологічного податку на показники сталого розвитку та соціально-економічного становища. Досліджено як екологічні податки впливають на соціо-еколого-економічні показники. На основі аналітичних інструментів було проведено панельний регресійний аналіз впливу оподаткування навколишнього середовища. Виходячи з розрахунків, можна сказати, що найбільш ефективно доходи від екологічних надходжень використовуються протягом наступних трьох років. Саме у трирічній перспективі показники сталого екологічного, економічного та людського розвитку наростаючим підсумком відтворюють позитивну динаміку тісних взаємозв'язків. Оцінювання взаємозв'язку цих показників та параметрів сталого розвитку має бути покладено в основу розробки екологічної політики, спрямованої на зменшення навантаження на навколишнє природне середовище та цільового фінансування захисту екосистеми за рахунок надходжень від сплати екологічних податків. З аналізу взаємодії показників випливає, що показники використання екологічних податків суттєво впливають на загальні параметри здоров'я населення, ефективності, безробіття та інновацій, що доводить, що для підвищення екологічної безпеки країн необхідно враховувати вплив усіх видів показників, включаючи демографічні показники в країні та забезпечення населення якісними ресурсами. З'ясовано, що застосування еколого-економічних інструментів оподаткування сприятиме ефективній реалізації екологічної політики, створенню додаткових стимулів щодо обмеження виробничо-господарської діяльності суб'єктів господарювання, яка завдає шкоди довкіллю, та формування достатніх матеріальних ресурсів для здійснення природоохоронних програм. Перспективи подальших напрацювань полягають у розробленні методичних засад формування механізмів фінансового забезпечення природоохоронної діяльності та дослідженні ефективності провадження еколого-економічних інструментів оподаткування.

Ключові слова: екологічне оподаткування, податкові надходження, екологічна культура, сталий розвиток.