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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THEORETICAL ANALYSIS OF KEY FACTORS

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Sustainable development ensures the long-term viability of the planet and the preservation of its resources for future generations. By applying sustainable practices, it is possible to mitigate eco-destructive impacts on the environment, preserve biodiversity and combat climate change, protecting the health of ecosystems and the well-being of communities [1]. In addition, sustainable development promotes economic stability and resilience by encouraging innovation, resource efficiency and social justice, which are the foundations of a more prosperous and just society.

Classical economic growth focuses primarily on increasing production and consumption without considering the long-term impact on the environment and society. In contrast, sustainable (green) economic growth emphasizes the integration of environmental, social and economic factors so that development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs [2]. This involves prioritizing renewable resources, minimizing pollution and waste (in particular through the implementation of circular production principles), and promoting social justice.

Due to the complexity of socio-economic systems, understanding the key factors affecting sustainable economic growth has been and still is one of the main challenges for the scientific community. With the evolution of scientific thought, the approaches to determining the drivers of traditional economic growth also changed. Neoclassical economic theory is one of the most recognized among scientists. It emphasizes the role of capital and labor as input variables in models of production growth, which is reflected in the Cobb-Douglas production function. New theories of growth are endogenous and emphasize the role of technological progress in economic development [3]. Our research on the factors of sustainable growth will expand the neoclassical model of production by adding new factors, including digital and energy factors, as they play a significant role in the performance of the national economy and the transition to sustainable development.

The issue of classical economic growth is the object of research by many scientific schools (classical school, neoclassical, Keynesians, etc.), which have different approaches to its assessment and analysis. The concept of sustainable economic growth was reflected in the works of J. Hickel, G. Kallis, M. Jacobs, S. Derkon, T. Hansen, and others. However, the modern scientific discourse lacks a synergistic approach to the issue of sustainable growth, which must take into

account economic, social and ecological components. Thus, the significant actuality of the mentioned topic, its theoretical and practical significance determined the choice of the topic of the work.

There are many approaches to define the concept of sustainable economic growth. One of them is that sustainable economic growth is a long-term development strategy aimed at achieving a harmonious balance between economic expansion, environmental protection and social welfare [4]. The key factors of sustainable economic growth are innovation and efficient use of resources. In addition, some works point to the importance of global cooperation and policies aimed at supporting entrepreneurship to achieve sustainable economic growth. Some sources emphasize the importance of openness and competition in markets as the main incentives for sustainable development.

Recommendations are provided to public authorities and other stakeholders on accelerating the transition to sustainable growth. For example, the government should promote renewable energy sources through financial and non-financial incentives. In some cases, it may be useful to consider carbon pricing mechanisms, such as carbon taxes or cap-and-trade systems. In addition, by introducing green financing instruments (such as green bonds) into renewable energy projects and other environmentally sustainable initiatives, more opportunities can be created for their successful implementation. Public authorities must transform most public services (obtaining permits, licenses or documents) to make them available online.

A key finding of this abstract is that there are a variety of factors that influence sustainable economic growth and, accordingly, policymakers should use different tools (including the above) to promote it. Further research should focus on the analysis of the role of regional disparities in economic growth (for example, using spatial econometric methods).

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