THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS
AND METHODICAL APPROACH TO ITS FORMATION

Problem setting. The research discusses different views on the structure of the governance mechanisms. However, there is a need for their systematization in order to develop a generalized picture which will outline the structure of governance mechanisms.

Recent research and publications analysis. Despite the large number of studies devoted to the structure of public administration mechanisms, there is a need for their further research. First of all, it could concern the systematization of the existing ideas about the structure of governance mechanisms and the development of methodical approaches to its formation.

This paper aims to analyze existing ideas about the structure of public administration mechanisms, to outline a generalized picture of this structure and to develop a methodical approach to its formation.

Main body of the paper. The following statements can be drawn from the foregoing findings about the structure of the governance mechanisms: the greater emphasis is put on the elements of the government mechanism, however, their description is quite general; less attention is paid to the links between the elements of the mechanism; purpose and the agents of mechanisms do not always stand out as individual elements; there is not a clear relationship between the definition of the mechanism of public administration and its structure; functions define the organizational structure of the mechanism as well as necessity of its elements; close relationship between organizational and functional structure of the mechanism contributes in practice to the fact that they are formed as a whole thing, as its organizational and functional structure.

Based on the foregoing and the generalized definition of "the governance mechanism" as a system, an attempt was made to contribute to the understanding
of the structure of the governance mechanism. We could suggest the following statements: the components of governance mechanism include purpose, functions, governance bodies, methods, tools, principles, norms, values and resources; the defining component of governance mechanism is the goal; the "function" component depends on the "purpose" component; the "purpose" and "function" components have normally a hierarchical structure; each function is implemented with a certain set of specific methods; implementation methods apply a certain set of tools; functions define the organizational structure of mechanism and foresee certain governance bodies; rules, principles and values define the scope of functions implementation and the performance of governance bodies; the availability of financial and material resources is an important condition which defines the effective functioning of governance bodies.

The overall structure of public administration mechanism outlined above suggests a new methodical approach to its formation. It provides a consistent definition of the mechanism objectives, its functions and implementation methods while each method has its own tools and each function is implemented by specific governance bodies. Functions are determined and governance bodies operate in accordance with the developed rules.

Conclusions of the research. The suggested structure of the governance mechanism is an attempt to summarize the results of the research done on that issue. Along with the proposed approach to the formation of this system, they can be used as methodical support to create real mechanisms of public administration.