
Evolution of theoretical views on the regional innovation system

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Abstract

The article is devoted to the problems of the study of regional innovation systems, the development of which is one of the most important factors of economic growth. **Goal.** Determine the most effective factors for the development of regional innovation systems in various theoretical and methodological concepts of territorial planning. **Tasks.** Analyze domestic and foreign approaches to the formation of regional innovation systems and their subsequent development. To identify the most relevant concepts of innovative development of regions, applicable in modern conditions of scientific and technological progress. Determine the possibilities of applying global theoretical approaches and practical experience in the construction of innovation systems in the regions of Russia. **Methodology.** In the course of the study, comparative and retrospective types of analysis were used in relation to the processes of theories and concepts of innovative development at the regional level. The methodological basis of the study was the concept of the «knowledge economy», the application of which made it possible to identify the high importance of building up and diffusion of knowledge in the regional innovation process. **Results.** It was revealed that for Russia and its regions to enter the next stage of economic development, innovations and innovative activities should play a leading role. One of the main priorities of regional development should be the formation of an innovative infrastructure, the basis will be the creation of conditions for supporting small and medium-sized innovative enterprises based on business incubators, venture financing, information, consulting and legal support for business entities. Direct support of the innovation system should include the introduction of preferential tax regimes for enterprises in this sector and the provision of state preferences. **Conclusions.** By now, there has already been a transition from understanding the dominant role of innovation in the development of any socio-economic system to the target formation of public and private institutions of innovation, called national and regional innovation systems. In this regard, it is necessary to further modernize management approaches and practices to the process of state support for innovation.

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