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SMART CITIES AS A GROWTH POINT FOR THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

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Abstract

In the context of rapid digitalization of the economy and social processes, the concept of a smart city is becoming the most important tool for sustainable development and modernization of the urban environment. The article reveals the key aspects of a smart city as a growth point of the digital economy, analyzes its structural components, technological basis and economic effects. artificial intelligence and big data, as well as the socio-economic results of the implementation of digital solutions. The study presents international practices and proposes directions for the further development of smart cities from the perspective of digital transformation.

Keywords: Smart city, digital economy, Internet of Things, digitalization, sustainable development, IoT, innovation.

Introduction

The digital economy is a new development paradigm in which data, digital platforms and intelligent technologies are becoming key resources. As global urbanization increases, cities are becoming the main centers of innovation, resource consumption and decision-making. Today's challenges, such as climate change, demographic pressure, and infrastructure overload, require comprehensive solutions that can only be implemented through digital technologies. Against this background, the concept of a "smart city" is emerging and actively developing, an approach to urban environment management focused on the use of information and communication technologies for sustainable, efficient and inclusive development. According to the definition of ISO 37120:2014, a smart city is a municipality that actively implements digital solutions to improve the quality of life of the population, rational use of resources and environmental sustainability. automated solutions.

This study is based on a comparative analysis of strategies for the digitalization of urban space used in international practice. The documents of the Smart Seoul (South Korea), Barcelona Smart City Strategy (Spain), Smart Nation (Singapore) and e-Estonia (Estonia) programs were studied. ISO 37120:2014 materials and OECD reports were also analyzed. The focus was on the impact of digital solutions on the economic efficiency of urban infrastructure. The methods were qualitative content analysis, expert assessment and SWOT analysis of the digital transformation of cities.



In this way, smart cities are becoming an integral component of the digital economy, transforming both public administration and the business environment. They drive demand for digital technologies, create new markets and create sustainable growth patterns. This study is based on a systematic and interdisciplinary approach that combines elements of the digital economy, urban management and innovative development. International standards (ISO, BSI), regulatory documents of the UN and governments, as well as materials of empirical studies and pilot projects in Russia, South Korea, India and European countries are used. The methods of comparative analysis, expert assessment, logical and structural modeling are applied.

Key components of smart city architecture:

1. **Internet of Things (IoT).** The Internet of Things serves as the basis for collecting and transmitting data in real time using sensors installed in the urban environment. They record the parameters of lighting, air pollution, traffic congestion and allow you to quickly respond to changes.
2. **Smart transport.** Intelligent transport systems provide traffic control, congestion forecasting, traffic light management and information to citizens.
3. **Energy efficiency and buildings.** Smart buildings are equipped with automated systems for controlling the microclimate, lighting and energy consumption.
4. **Telemedicine and healthcare.** Remote health monitoring systems, digital health records, and AI diagnostics make medical services accessible.
5. **E-government.** Smart cities create platforms for citizens to interact with government agencies.

The economic importance of smart cities:

Smart cities contribute to the growth of the digital economy in the following areas: stimulating demand for ICT solutions, attracting investment in digital infrastructure, increasing labor productivity, developing innovative entrepreneurship and increasing skilled employment. For example, according to a report by the McKinsey Global Institute (2018), the implementation of digital solutions under the Smart Seoul program has allowed the city to save up to \$1.2 billion annually by improving the efficiency of transportation and utilities. In Barcelona, the implementation of the Barcelona Smart City strategy from 2012 to 2020 led to a 27% increase in the share of renewables in the city's energy mix.

Despite the positive impact, the implementation of the smart city concept faces challenges: cybersecurity, digital inequality, fragmentation of the legal framework and a shortage of personnel.



SWOT analysis of smart city development

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving the quality of life of the population - Growth of investment attractiveness -Increased energy efficiency and reduced costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High initial investment - Insufficient digital literacy of the population -Fragmentation of digital solutions
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of local ICT companies - Creation of new jobs -Improving urban logistics and ecology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cybersecurity threat -Monopolization of digital services -Strengthening of the digital divide

Smart cities are a key element in the transformation of the urban environment and a growth point for the digital economy. Their successful implementation requires strategic planning, investments, digital competencies and sustainable regulatory support.

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