

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: Problems of development and functioning of small business: a comparative analysis (Russia, the United States, Western Europe).

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Relevance of the research issue is determined by the fact that in contemporary socio-economic and political conditions the role of small business increases.

Small business development reduces the negative impact of economic crises, increases economic population activity, creates new jobs, attracts investment in some sectors of the economy. In social terms, small business forms the so-called "middle class" of the population – the base of a democratic society.

However, the small business is faced with lots of risks, including legal, institutional and economic ones. Small business feels the smallest market fluctuations and changes in the economic situation in the country.

The purpose of the work is the development of methods to improve the legal and economic mechanisms of support of small business in the Russian Federation.

Research objectives:

- consider the role of small business in the development of the;
- explore the models of legal and economic mechanisms of support of small business;
- to study the foreign and domestic experience of legal and economic mechanisms for small business support;
- to analyze the problems of the development and support of small business in the Russian Federation;
- develop new methods to improve the legal and economic mechanisms of small business support in the Russian Federation.

The scientific novelty of the research is the description of the prerequisites and tendencies of the development of small business at the present stage. The development of small business is a factor of increasing the competitiveness of the Russian economy in the context of its transition to a new technological level.

The structure of the work consists of an introduction, two chapters, including 6 paragraphs, conclusion, a 72-reference bibliography (6 of them are in foreign languages), 5 figures, 2 tables and applications. The total volume is 68 pages.

Summary: Small business is an integral part of national economic development of the country.

The state experience of small business support in Western Europe, the East and the United States is more extensive than in Russia. Analyzing the small business support, it is necessary to say that its legal mechanisms are inseparable from the economic ones.

At the moment, small business does not perform the basic functions to increase production and implementation of effective innovative projects. Tax legislation should be reformed with the aim of giving local governments more authority in the sphere of tax regulation of small business sector. The anti-trust legal base should be upgraded and aim to protect the small business sector from unfair competition.

It is important to improve the systems of state and municipal procurements. It is necessary to enlarge the procurement centers according to departmental affiliation with the purpose of optimization of the expenses of qualified personnel. Thus, we can conclude that the proposed measures to improve the legal and economic mechanisms of support of small business can be regarded as an effective method for the development of small business in Russia.