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Problems of Ensuring The Efficiency of Investment Activity in The Regions and Their Regulation

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Abstract: This article explores the systemic issues hindering the effectiveness of investment activity at the regional level, the underlying causes of these problems, and the lack of optimal coordination of existing resources. The effectiveness of investment activity is fundamentally linked to the institutional formation of mutually beneficial economic relations between actors and the existence of a secure and stable investment environment. From this perspective, the article reveals the contradictions between short-term profit motivations and long-term sustainable development goals, emphasizing the critical role of government economic policy measures—such as tax incentives, subsidies, and guarantees—in aligning investor interests with broader development objectives. The article systematizes and analyzes the key factors influencing investment attractiveness, including financial, production, technological, marketing-logistics, raw material, human capital, and social dimensions. A regional diagnostic assessment based on a SWOT analysis is conducted using the example of the Namangan region, identifying its strategic advantages—such as natural resource potential, favorable geographic location, and industrial capacity—alongside limiting factors like macroeconomic instability, weak institutional structures, and social uncertainty. The article concludes that the integrated functioning of economic management mechanisms—financial incentives, fiscal regulation, and institutional reforms—constitutes the cornerstone of enhancing the competitiveness of the investment environment.

Keywords: Investment activity, regional efficiency, investment attractiveness, financial stability, organizational and economic mechanism, local investment policy, decentralization, SWOT analysis, green investments, capital investment efficiency, Namangan region, strategic development, institutional environment, state guarantees and subsidies, labor market and resources.

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1. Introduction

In the context of deepening market relations, the growing importance of competitiveness criteria in the economy, and the prioritization of sustainable development principles, the issue of ensuring the efficient organization of investment activity at the regional level is becoming increasingly urgent [1], [2]. At present, interregional economic imbalances, disparities in resource utilization, and infrastructure and institutional constraints are emerging as factors disrupting the balanced progress of investment processes [3], [4].

Although the current state investment policy promotes large-scale projects at the national level, the low level of investment activity in the regions and the limited economic powers of local governance structures hinder the full utilization of existing potential. In particular, despite the high potential of sectoral and resource bases in the Namangan region, the underdeveloped institutional and infrastructural foundations required to ensure investment attractiveness prevent their effective deployment. Therefore, increasing the efficiency of investment activity requires not only an analysis based on economic indicators, but also the integration of organizational, institutional, and social mechanisms [5], [6], [7]. This, in turn, necessitates the improvement of the local investment climate, strategic alignment between available resources and actual needs, and the formation of an investment policy that serves sustainable development goals.

This article presents a scientific analysis of systemic challenges affecting regional investment efficiency, key determinants of investment attractiveness, and mechanisms for coordination in the case of Namangan region, and proposes practical policy recommendations [8], [9], [10].

2. Materials and Methods

For investment activity to function effectively at the regional level, it must first develop as a system of mutually beneficial economic relations among all actors. The institutional nature of this process implies that each economic agent or investor requires a favorable and guaranteed environment to achieve expected outcomes—profit, security, and stability. The activation of capital investment is mainly determined by profitability margins, the speed of return, and acceptable levels of risk.

Financial attractiveness reflects a company's financial condition, including its ability to meet current liabilities, self-finance, regenerate capital, secure loans, and attract investment resources. Financial analysis is the central component of the investment attractiveness assessment methodology, serving as the main mechanism to evaluate a firm's stability and appeal to potential investors. Production attractiveness indicates the availability of appropriate production conditions necessary for timely delivery of high-quality goods in the required assortment and volume. It includes factors such as production capacity, innovation level, diversification, production rhythm, and defect rates.

Technological and material attractiveness refers to the availability and condition of labor resources and their capacity to meet production and operational needs. It also characterizes the company's physical infrastructure, including warehouses, machinery, tools, equipment, and the level of production technology.

Raw material attractiveness reflects the availability, cost level, and efficiency of raw material utilization required for the operations of a potential investment object.

3. Results and Discussion

Marketing and logistics attractiveness shows the ability to sell products using existing marketing tools and logistics infrastructure. It reflects the effectiveness of market positioning mechanisms and the adequacy of logistical systems [11]. Social and human resource attractiveness is determined by the availability of qualified employees with the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience to fulfill their professional duties, along with opportunities for capacity building and training.

In the case of Namangan region, investment attractiveness is shaped by both external and internal factors [12]. The region's natural resource potential—including deposits of uranium, iron, manganese, mercury, and titanium—makes it a valuable base for industrial production. Additionally, Namangan is one of the national leaders in textile and knitwear industries, serving both domestic and export markets [13].

However, there are also several systemic weaknesses that limit investment attractiveness, summarized as follows:

Weaknesses of the investment environment:

1. Macroeconomic instability: high inflation and a weak national currency
2. Legal and institutional uncertainty: corruption, inefficient public services, weak protection of property rights
3. High external debt burden: public debt increased from 58.4% in 2021 to 62.8% in 2022
4. Labor market challenges: high unemployment, social inequality, and growing poverty levels

Strengths of investment attractiveness:

1. Strategic geographic location: bordering Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, with potential for cross-border trade
2. Abundant natural resources and favorable agricultural climate
3. Expanding consumer market and a large pool of young, employable population
4. Relatively cheap and skilled labor force
5. Availability of quality education and growing human capital

To systematically assess these factors, the application of the SWOT analysis approach is appropriate. This methodology enables a clear positioning of the Namangan region's investment status, formulation of policy measures, and the development of incentive mechanisms and guarantees targeted at investors [14], [15].

In this context, the coherent operation of economic governance mechanisms plays a crucial role. The success of investment policy implementation depends on harmonizing management functions—such as planning, forecasting, control, and operational management—through economic tools like financial incentives, tax instruments, and budget financing. Every regulatory component of the investment process must aim to balance business and public interests while promoting sustainable development and amplifying social impact.

Considering these aspects, regional government structures play a central role in shaping the investment environment. They have the capacity to direct innovative projects through administrative, legal, and fiscal instruments, determine priority development areas, and align them with socio-economic challenges. This function is the key to making the region a competitive player in attracting investment, see Figure 1.

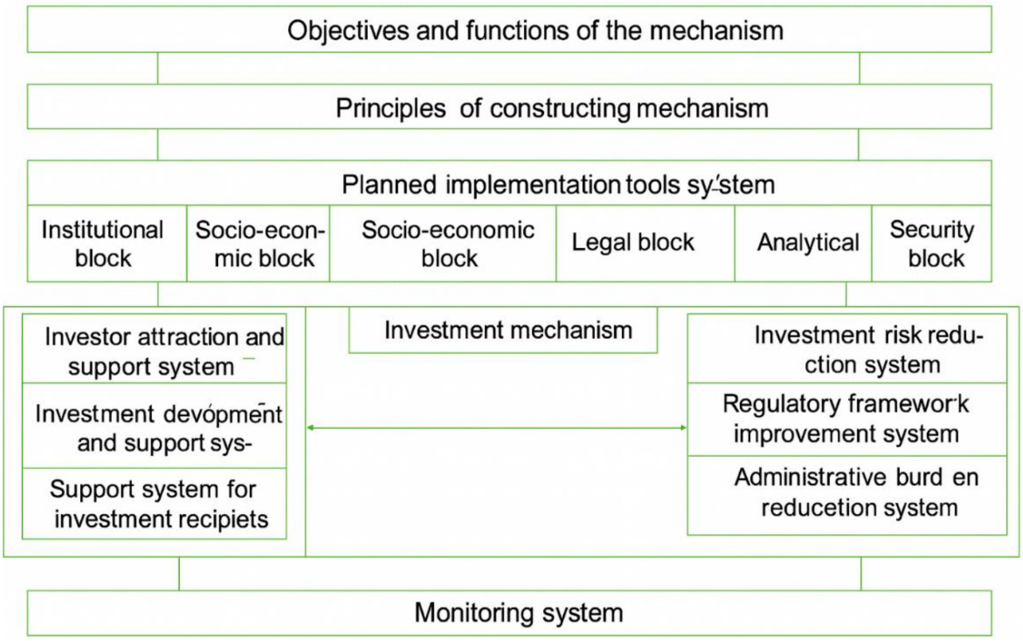

Figure 1. The state regulation mechanism of investment processes

Therefore, without clearly defining investment priorities, the state regulation mechanism of investment processes loses its focus and specificity, and fails to achieve its intended objectives. In the implementation of state investment policy, the identification of strategic investment directions becomes especially important in light of the current budget deficit and the difficulties in replenishing fiscal revenues.

In a context where the real sector of the national economy is experiencing a shortage of investment resources, limited state investment capabilities, and the presence of various risks, it is essential for the state to utilize a broad range of mechanisms and instruments. These should be aimed at stimulating investment activity within the corporate sector of the economy, attracting both domestic and foreign investment resources, and establishing an effective management system for investment processes to sustain the upward trends in investment activity.

4. Conclusion

Ensuring the efficiency of regional investment activity is one of the key priorities of modern economic policy. In this process, institutional stability, infrastructure capacity, rational use of resources, and the effectiveness of local governance systems play a critical role. Analytical findings show that despite the high investment potential of the Namangan region, its full utilization remains constrained by a set of systemic challenges—such as financial risks, institutional inconsistencies, legal uncertainties, and mismatches in the labor market.

To ensure effective functioning of investment activity at the regional level, it is necessary to adapt national policy instruments—particularly tax incentives, guarantees, subsidies, and targeted support programs—to the principles of regional specialization. Additionally, enhancing investment attractiveness at the enterprise level requires a comprehensive assessment and development of financial, technological, marketing, and human capital capabilities.

In particular, the following measures are considered a priority for improving the regional investment environment: expanding the authority of local governance bodies in making independent investment policy decisions; introducing performance indicators such as ROI and IRR to evaluate investment effectiveness at the district level; extending state guarantees and financial incentive mechanisms for green investments and social infrastructure projects; and conducting a SWOT analysis to balance strategic strengths and weaknesses and develop tailored development strategies.

Thus, the effective organization of investment activity in the regions and its alignment with sustainable development goals will not only foster economic growth, but also contribute to reducing regional disparities and improving the well-being of the population.

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