

METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO ENSURING ENTERPRISE ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Abstract: This article interprets economic security as a comprehensive system that reflects an enterprise's ability to operate steadily against internal and external threats. Based on scientific sources, it substantiates the necessity of considering institutional, organizational, and innovative factors alongside financial indicators in assessing economic security. It also scientifically explains that sustainable development of enterprises can be ensured through increasing competitiveness and introducing modern management mechanisms. The results of the literature review serve as a theoretical basis for developing practical recommendations on ensuring enterprise economic security.

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1. Introduction

In modern global economic and digital conditions, enterprise economic security is a comprehensive system that ensures stable, efficient, and security-based operation of an enterprise. Economic security performs the function of guaranteeing enterprise stability, competitiveness, and continuity by increasing its resilience to risks, threats, and uncertainties arising from the internal and external environment (Primorac, Kozina & Turčić, 2018).

Today, as a result of ongoing economic reforms, enterprise activities are carried out within an environment surrounded by various uncertainties and, at the same time, opportunities arising from rapidly changing economic conditions. In the context of deepening global economic relations, intensifying competition, and financial instability, the issue of economic security is gaining priority importance in enterprise management. Ensuring economic security is an important condition not only for maintaining the stability of an enterprise's current activities, but also for implementing its long-term development strategy.

2. Literature Review

In modern scientific literature, the issue of ensuring enterprise economic security is interpreted in close connection with sustainable development, competitiveness, and risk management. Researchers assess economic security as a comprehensive system that reflects an enterprise's ability to resist internal and external threats. In particular, Primorac, Kozina, and Turčić (2018) explain economic security as a concept integrated with financial stability, efficient use of resources, and strategic management, emphasizing that this category should not be limited only to financial results but should also encompass organizational, technological, and information security aspects.

In studies conducted by Shynkar, Gontar, and Dubyna (2020), the theoretical and methodological foundations for assessing economic security are developed, and the importance of mechanisms for identifying, analyzing, and monitoring risks is substantiated. The authors emphasize that, in determining the level of enterprise economic security, institutional and organizational factors should be considered alongside financial indicators.

At the same time, Kopylyuk et al. (2021) highlight the decisive role of risk analysis and stability strategies in ensuring economic security, substantiating that the introduction of forecasting, strategic planning, and financial monitoring systems are important directions for increasing enterprise stability.

In the modern economic environment, digitalization processes also play a special role in ensuring economic security. Makhmudova and Janizakova (2025) scientifically substantiate that digital technologies are an important tool for increasing transparency of internal processes, improving management efficiency, and reducing risks in enterprises.

Under conditions of deepening market relations, the issue of competitiveness also emerges as an important component of economic security. In Toxirov's (2024) research, it is scientifically demonstrated that enterprise competitiveness can be increased through strategic management, innovative activity, and rational use of resources, which in turn contributes to strengthening economic security.

Overall, the literature review shows that, under modern conditions, ensuring enterprise economic security should be based on a systemic approach, risk management, digital transformation, and strategic planning, and it is precisely the integration of these factors that serves to ensure sustainable development and competitiveness of enterprises.

3. Analysis and Results

Enterprise economic security is also achieved through effective management of internal resources, ensuring financial stability, adaptation to market conditions, and making strategic decisions. This concept is not limited merely to improving financial results, but rather organizes the process of making the enterprise capable of achieving these results—namely through sustainable growth, early identification of risks, monitoring, evaluation, and consistent management mechanisms (Shynkar, Gontar & Dubyna, 2020).

The concept of enterprise economic security has developed based on a systemic approach and includes several functional components: financial stability, preparedness for and adaptability to external threats, security of digital infrastructure, efficient resource management, and risk assessment systems. All these elements together serve to ensure enterprise economic security.

Traditional management methods cannot fully cover the complex nature of modern economic threats. Therefore, there is a growing need to introduce new mechanisms based on innovative approaches to ensure economic security.

Enterprise economic security reflects the level of protection of its financial condition, production potential, investment opportunities, and intellectual resources from internal and external adverse factors. A low level of economic security may lead to disruption of enterprise stability, financial losses, and a decline in competitiveness. Therefore, the issue of economic security should be considered as an integral component of the enterprise strategic management system.

In the current economic conditions, threats affecting enterprise activities are diverse and are manifested in the main directions presented in the following table.

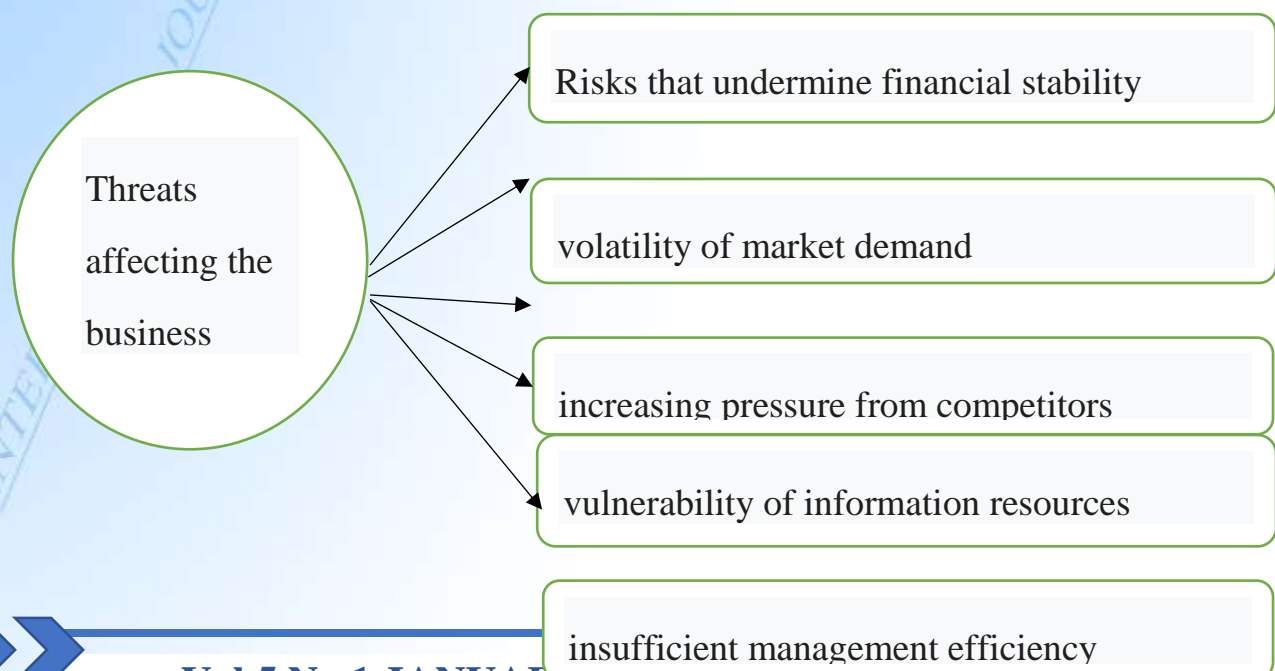


Figure 1. Threats Affecting Enterprise Activities

These threats require new approaches to ensuring enterprise economic security.

In modern conditions, one of the important factors in preventing economic risks is the extensive use of digital technologies. Continuous monitoring of economic processes based on analytical information systems, big data, and artificial intelligence makes it possible to early identify potential threats and eliminate them.

In addition, establishing an integrated risk management system creates broad opportunities to increase the effectiveness of ensuring economic security. This system serves to comprehensively assess financial, operational, and strategic risks in enterprise activities and simultaneously reduce emerging risks.

Ensuring information security is also one of the important innovative directions of economic security, as economic losses are prevented by reducing cyber threats and protecting intellectual property.

The global economy has become highly uncertain due to rapid changes, technological innovations, market instability, the impact of pandemics, and political uncertainties. Under these conditions, developing and effectively implementing economic security strategies has become extremely important for enterprises. Along with protecting their activities from risks, enterprises also identify strategic growth directions. Therefore, the modern economic environment has confronted enterprises not only with the task of generating income, but also with the obligation to maintain stability under conditions of uncertainty (Uktamov, 2023).

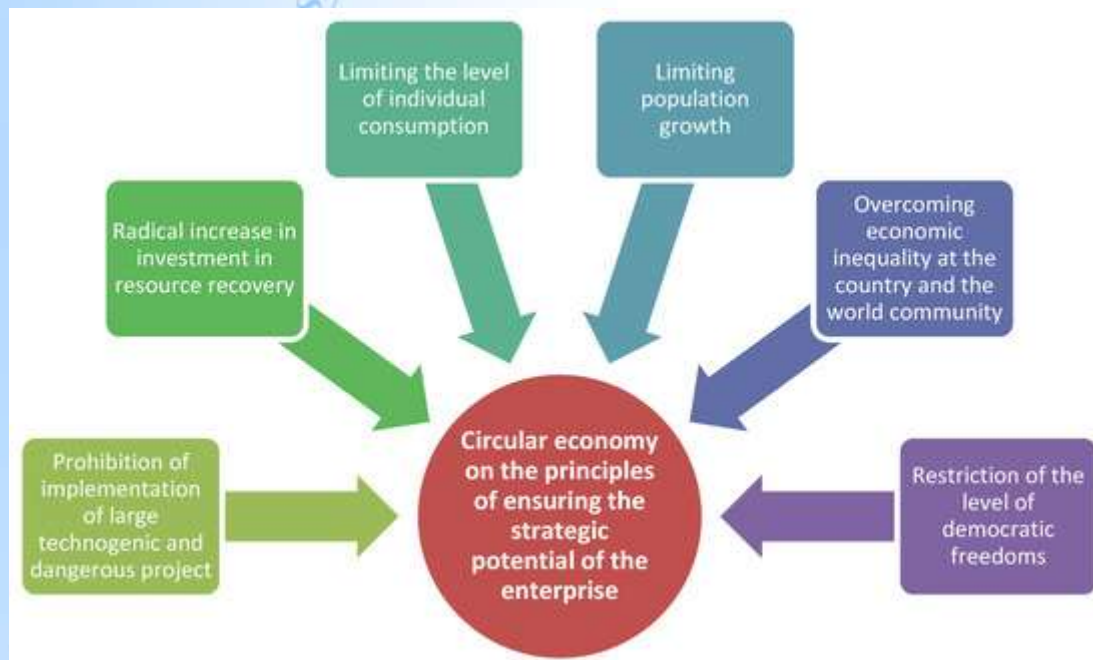
In addition, under market conditions, enterprises implement strategies to strengthen economic security by maintaining their competitiveness. Financial stability, an organizational structure capable of adapting to market demands, and innovative solutions increase enterprise resilience to risks (Toxirov, 2024).

One of the most important methodological aspects of ensuring enterprise economic security is the development of a risk management system. Systematic identification and assessment of risks, as well as decision-making based on them, are of great importance for enterprise stability. This process includes the following main stages:

- **Risk identification:** identifying all threats arising from the internal and external environment of the enterprise;

- **Risk analysis:** assessing the level of each identified risk and its impact on enterprise activities;
- **Development of risk management strategies:** determining measures to reduce risks;
- **Monitoring and reassessment:** regularly reviewing risk conditions and updating management strategies (Shynkar, Gontar & Dubyna, 2020).

For effective management of economic security, enterprises often use diagnostic systems, which make it possible to identify potential risks in enterprise activities in advance and take preventive measures against them. The diagnostic system is aimed at evaluating enterprise performance, monitoring internal processes, and analyzing changes in external conditions (Uktamov, 2024).



Financial stability is considered the central component of economic security. For enterprises, managing cash flows, ensuring asset stability, managing debt obligations, and maintaining an optimal balance between income and expenses are very important. To reduce financial risks, enterprises implement financial monitoring systems, which in turn increase stability and help make decisions under conditions of uncertainty (Kopylyuk et al., 2021).

Digital transformation is another important direction in ensuring enterprise economic security. Information technologies, digital monitoring systems, and security solutions enable enterprises to monitor internal processes in real time, analyze them, and minimize risks. In addition, digital infrastructure also includes systems for protecting enterprises from cyber

threats, which is necessary to ensure the security of digital resources and data (Makhmudova & Janizakova, 2025).

In ensuring economic security, it is important to conceptually understand the main functional elements of the enterprise. These elements include labor resources, material resources, financial and intellectual resources, information systems, and strategic management systems. Each element contributes to the overall security system of the enterprise through effective management, optimal use of resources, and ensuring the stability of internal systems (Bayboboeva, 2025).

Financial and intellectual resources play a particularly important role in ensuring enterprise stability. Financial resources enable enterprises to cover investments, liquidity needs, and risks, while intellectual resources ensure innovation, knowledge management, and competitiveness. The security of information resources supports internal management and strategic decision-making within the enterprise.

A comprehensive approach is necessary to ensure enterprise economic security. Rational use of strengths and opportunities, gradual elimination of weaknesses, and advance assessment of external threats strengthen enterprise economic security. Below, it is possible to observe the aspects that require attention in ensuring enterprise stability, developed using SWOT analysis.

The results of the SWOT analysis create an important scientific basis for making strategic decisions to ensure enterprise economic security and strengthen financial stability. The analysis enables a comprehensive assessment of strengths and weaknesses, as well as opportunities and threats arising from the external environment.

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Relatively high level of financial stability and liquidity	Risk management system is not sufficiently developed	Development of digital economy and innovative technologies	Market volatility
Availability of skilled personnel and managerial experience	Weakness of information security mechanisms	Government economic support programs	Intensification of competitive environment

Opportunities to use digital technologies	Low efficiency in using financial resources	Improvement of investment climate	Risk of financial and economic crises
Presence of internal control and planning system	Limited investment in innovative activities	Opportunities for integration with international markets	Increasing cyber and information security threats

In modern market conditions, traditional management methods cannot fully ensure the economic security of an enterprise. Therefore, innovative approaches, including digital technologies, big data analytics, artificial intelligence, integrated risk management systems, and information security mechanisms, are effective tools for strengthening economic security.

Strategic conclusions developed based on SWOT analysis allow an enterprise to enhance financial stability by making rational use of its strengths and available opportunities, addressing weaknesses, and minimizing external threats.

These approaches serve to reinforce the financial stability of the enterprise, reduce risks, and achieve long-term strategic objectives. The scientific analyses and recommendations presented in this thesis provide a foundation for improving mechanisms for managing economic security in practice.

Competitiveness is an integral part of economic security. Enterprises with high competitiveness quickly adapt to negative market factors, maintain revenue and market share, and utilize business resources optimally. By implementing innovations, updating market strategies, and applying more advanced management methods, enterprises increase their competitiveness, which in turn contributes to strengthening their economic security.

Ensuring economic security in modern conditions is a complex, systematic, and multi-component process. This process is based on effective management of risk, financial stability, digital transformation, strategic planning, and functional elements. By integrating their resources, enterprises can respond quickly to internal and external threats, develop sustainable growth strategies, and enhance competitiveness.

4. Conclusions

The approaches examined in the article can serve as practical guidelines for enterprises, as they integrate the main methodological aspects, strategies, and systematic mechanisms for

ensuring economic security. Future research in this field should focus on further improving mechanisms and indicators for assessing economic security at the enterprise level.

The results of this study indicate that ensuring economic security in modern economic conditions is a complex, multifaceted, and systematic process. Economic security manifests as a comprehensive category encompassing not only the financial stability of an enterprise but also its organizational, technological, informational, and innovative potential. Analysis of the scientific literature shows that identifying and managing risks, strategic planning, implementing financial monitoring systems, and accelerating digital transformation are of critical importance in ensuring economic security.

Furthermore, it has been scientifically substantiated that enhancing the competitiveness of enterprises, rational use of resources, and development of innovative activities can strengthen the level of economic security. The study results demonstrate that ensuring economic security is not limited to responding to existing threats but also requires forecasting them and taking preventive measures. Therefore, it is essential for enterprises to implement integrated mechanisms for managing economic security, utilize modern management technologies, and apply international best practices. Overall, ensuring economic security emerges as a crucial strategic factor that guarantees sustainable development, investment attractiveness, and long-term competitiveness of enterprises.

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