

## Methodological approaches to the study of territorial communities in the conditions of decentralization of power

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In the conditions of decentralization of power territorial communities are particularly important. To solve this problem, it is expedient to engage citizens in the implementation of local self-government. In the current conditions, the process of further constitutional settlement of the status of territorial communities is underway, which will promote the development of local democracy and the proper formation of capable and self-sufficient territorial communities. Therefore, the territorial community is the center of civil society and the rule of law in Ukraine. In this context, it is extremely important to study the essence of the concept of “territorial community” and generalize theoretical concepts, which will clarify its economic content.

The article examines the essence of the term “community” and we have found that it is widely used in various fields of science – sociology, economics, philosophy, and others. The defini-

tion of “territorial community” in its development acquired different interpretations, which allowed tracking the various aspects and views of scientists. The author is proposed own vision of the definition of “territorial community”.

The works of the scientists who investigated the essence of the concept of “territorial community” are analyzed, and we have a tendency towards constant changes in its interpretation and functioning in particular. It should be noted that in the evolution of the definition of this concept a number of methodological approaches have been created that allowed them to be systematized.

The obtained results deepen and develop the methodological bases of scientific researches of the regional economy, which will allow receiving positive changes in the development of local democracy and the proper formation of capable and self-sufficient territorial communities.