

THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPANSION INTO THE ECONOMY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FINANCIAL MARKET

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is to examine the impact of the policy of state property expansion upon the Russian financial market during the last decade. Using empirical data and the methods of structural and comparative analysis, the author reveals the following consequences of the analyzed process.

The consequences understood in general as negative, are: (1) strengthening the dominance of the debt sources in the financial structure of companies, (2) replacing the domestic capital market the foreign one, (3) the growing dependence of the Russian corporations on foreign capital sources, (4) the flow of the liquidity from the Russian stock market to foreign exchanges, (5) (as a consequence of the previous ones) the weakening of the development of the domestic financial sector: the stagnation of the indicators of domestic credit provided by the banking sector as a proportion of GDP, stock market turnover values as of GDP (turnover ratio), insurance premium volume to GDP, the slow growth of the indicator for private pension funds' assets as a share of GDP, the decrease of the indicators "Net asset value of mutual funds to GDP", "Number of non-banking financial companies per 1000 population", (6) the reduction of the attractiveness of participation in accumulative pension programs for the population.

The consequences, understood in general as positive, are: (1) strengthening of banks, which compensated the legal system shortcomings in investment protection, (2) the growth of the investment market, the expansion of the demand for the services of financial intermediaries, increased capitalization of issuers in the part in which it proved to be the consequence of the strengthened position of the state in the ownership, (3) the reduction of the foreign borrowing costs for different classes of borrowers, (4) the short-term effects of fiscal policy and the simplification of the task of the tax collection, (5) the (possible) effects of fiscal policy due to subsequent sale of the assets.

The results obtained by the author may be used as a guideline to the adjustment of the government economic policy and the preparation of the concept of the Russian financial market development.

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