

Dear Readers,

we present to you another, this year's second, issue of the REME Journal devoted to the economic problems of the post-Soviet countries of Belarus and Ukraine. This issue was created in cooperation with **prof. Krystyna Gomólka** from the Department of Eastern Studies at the Faculty of Management and Economics of the Gdańsk University of Technology with scientists from Belarus and Ukraine. The issue contains four articles on various topics, related to various areas of management, economics and managerial education.

The authors of the scientific studies were:

- **Galina Korjenskaya**, Associate Prof., School of Business of Belarusian State University Belarus, Department of Finance and Management,
- **Natallia Bandarenka**, Associate Prof, School of Business of Belarusian State University, Department of Finance and Management,
- **Eugenia Sharilova**, Associate Prof., Belarus State Economic University, Faculty of Digital Economy, Department of Statistics and
- **Anastasiya Bandarenka** from Academy of Public Administration under President of the Republic of Belarus, Institute of Managerial Personnel.

Ukraine in this issue is represented by an article by:

- **Sergey Brylev**, Assistant Professor, Zaporozhye Aviation College and
- **Natallia Vitalievna Levina**, who works at the Out-of-school Educational Institution "Center of Scientific and Technical Creativity of Youth Polit Zaporizhzhya.

The first article entitled *The impact of external shocks on the current account balance of the republic of Belarus* was prepared by **Natallia Bandarenka**. The purpose of the study is to assess the state of current operations of the balance of payments of the Republic of Belarus in the current conditions of foreign trade. The balance of payments of the Republic of Belarus is characterized mainly by a negative value for current transactions. The main reason is the negative balance of goods, which is partly reduces be active balance of services. The impact of external shocks in the form of border closures between countries and the existence of economic sanctions was offset in 2021 by a sharp recovery and the global economy growth.

The second article by **Galina Korjenskaya** was entitled *Reinsurance in Belarus: market analysis and new challenges in modern conditions*. The aim of the study is to analyze the Belarusian reinsurance market and its adaptability to market uncertainty and sanctions. The analysis is based on data from the Ministry of Finance, the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, the Belarusian National Reinsurance

Organization (BNRO). The results of the analysis will contribute to increasing the profitability of reinsurance in the country, the sustainability of the insurance market and the growth of insurance in the GDP of the Republic of Belarus, as well as to developing directions for the further development of reinsurance.

The third article *The pronatalist policy in the republic of Belarus against the background of global trends of declining fertility* was prepared jointly by **Eugenia Sharilova** and **Anastasiya Bandarenka**. The purpose of the article is to identify the position of the Republic of Belarus in the global trends in the birth rate, to determine measures to stimulate the birth rate at the macro and micro levels, taking into account international practice. The authors made an analytical review of modern pronatalist policy measures and determined the possible effect of their use. As a result of the analysis, the need to intensify the pronatalist policy in Belarus is proved, taking into account the positive and negative experience of developed countries as part of the shift in emphasis from financial to non-financial measures, as well as activating demographic policy at the micro level.

The last, fourth article prepared by **Sergey Brylev** and **Nataliia Levin** was entitled *Using business simulators in the educational process STEM-education of Ukraine as a direction of professional orientation of young people*. The purpose of the article is to cover the process of introducing business simulation technologies into the educational process of educational institutions and analyze the effectiveness of using business simulations in the educational process. Educational institutions pay attention to improving the educational process by gradually transferring classes to an active didactic format and activating the process using innovative methods and modern educational technologies, namely case studies, business games, trainings, brainstorming techniques.

By presenting this issue of the REME semi-annual, I hope that you will find there interesting papers and a source of inspiration for your own research. I wish you a pleasant reading.

Thematic editor of REME Journal  
*Prof. Krystyna Gomółka*