INVESTIGATION OF THE STATE OF CATEGORICAL AND CONCEPTUAL APPARATUS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MECHANISMS IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL PROTECTION

**Problem setting.** Performance analysis of the state administration bodies on their responding to emergency shows that there are weaknesses in the operation of the unified state system of civil protection of Ukraine. One of the reasons for this state of affairs is the imperfection of public administration mechanisms that ensure performance of the functions and assigned tasks by public administration bodies.

**Recent research and publication analysis.** In the previous studies, the issues of defining the concept of “of public administration mechanisms” were considered. Moreover, some researchers have introduced the following findings:

- peculiarities of the creating the decision-making managerial mechanism;
- areas of improvement of organizational and legal mechanisms of public administration;
- the model of the organizational management mechanism at the regional level;
- theoretical and methodological aspects of the essence and correlation between “mechanism” and “administration mechanism” concepts.

It is revealed that the scientists’ approaches to the definition of “public administration mechanisms” are different and do not show a consistent view.

**Paper objective:** On the basis of the analysis of the state of the categorical and conceptual apparatus of public administration mechanisms to propose an author’s definition of this concept on the whole, as well as in relation to the field of civil protection.
**Paper main body.** A detailed study of the proposed scientific approaches to the interpretation of “public administration mechanisms” concept has allowed to identify special features of the definitions.

The need for introducing the concept of “decision-making managerial mechanism” into the theoretical and methodological foundations of public administration is justified.

The conclusion has been formulated that the operation of executive bodies should be aimed not only at the implementation of regulative, organizing and coordinating impacts, but also at providing ones in all spheres of society.

It is determined that the structural mechanism is to be incorporated into the integrated public administration mechanism, along with those proposed by scholars.

In the paper, feedback is highlighted as an integral part of the public administration mechanisms which helps the administration object have influence on the administration subject and by that improve the administration mechanism.

**Conclusions of the research.** The author’s definition of the “public administration mechanisms” concept is proposed as an integral part of the public administration system that includes means, levers, tools for the administration subject (public administration bodies) to have a purposeful influence on the administration object (society) applying appropriate administration methods to realize the goals of sustainable development of the society.

In addition, the concept of “public administration mechanisms in the field of civil protection” is formulated as an integral part of the public administration system with means, levers, tools to allow the administration subject (public administration bodies in the field of civil protection) to exercise a purposeful influence on the administration object (civil protection system) using appropriate management methods to implement state policy in the field of civil protection.