Problem setting. In any country, administrative reform is aimed at implementation of the process of dynamic changes in the public administration institutional system. It solves topical issues of ensuring the country’s economic and social development, political partnership, strengthening its civil society, outlining and implementing public policy in the economic and social spheres.

Reforms of public sphere are gaining greater importance than in the past and promote public trust in the government’s pursuit of structural arrangements, which could result in a country’s rapid economic recovery. At the same time, there is a problem of transition from political guidance towards administrative reform to setting concrete goals, determining approaches and steps to implement it.

Recent research and publications analysis. A weighty contribution to the research of administrative reform problem range has been made by such foreign and domestic scholars as O. Chaplyhin, R. Drago, M. Kulesha, N. Manning, N. Parison, I. Salo, and others.

Paper objective is to determine the basic principles of launching administrative reform in Spain. Achievement of this goal will be facilitated by carrying out of the following research tasks: determining the causes, conditions, and objective of administrative reform in Spain; specifying the areas of administrative reform implementation in Spain, which could be studied with a view of modernizing the public administration system in Ukraine.

Paper main body. The paper highlights the challenges of the public administration system reform in Spain, which together with other restructuring declared by the M. Rajoy Government in December 2011, is to ensure the country’s recovery from the economic and financial crisis, and its sustainable economic revival.

The administrative reform is basic to the country’s economic development, considering the role of the government in regulation of the economy and the society in general. It is targeted to promote efficiency and productivity of the public administration system.

The aim of administrative reform in Spain is improvement of the public administration system, enhancing its efficiency, elimination of inefficient structures, and upgrading service delivery to the country’s citizens. In the event of success, public sector expenditures will be reduced considerably.

The matter of public administration reform is vital, since expenses for supply of all the administrative authorities and provision of their activities equal to half of...
the country’s GDP. The administrative system of the state should be adequate to the needs of its economic, social, and cultural development.

Most of the OECD countries have chosen for their administrative reform the so-called ‘Open Government’ concept, which is based on the principles of transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness to new ideas, needs and demands of individuals and economic agents.

Innovations, such as e-government particularly, not only bring administrative services closer to customers and upgrade their quality, but also create conditions for improving performance and efficiency of the entire public administration system.

In the modern globalized world, implementation of administrative reform is also the evidence of the authorities’ political will to change.

The author conducts an in-depth research of the Spanish administrative reform causes.

The directions of implementing the public administration reform at the start of the M. Rajoy Government’s activity have been described.

Current results of administrative reform implementation in Spain have been highlighted.

**Conclusions of the research.** Keeping in mind the specificity of Spain, certain aspects of its administrative reform could be practicable in Ukraine as well.

The experience of Spain could be of interest for Ukraine in resolving the issues of improved public authorities’ efficiency; attainment of budget discipline and its transparency for the general public; liquidation of redundant or inefficient agencies and units; rationalization of institutional administration, the sector of public companies and foundations.

Political reforms are an integral element of an effective process of decision-making at the national level, and the European experience is to help Ukraine find the appropriate ways and instruments as soon as possible in order to lay the foundation for successful reforming of all the economic spheres within the shortest time period.

Ultimately, administrative reform is to ensure not only improvement of public administrative efficiency but also a change of approaches to administration in general.