THEORETICAL BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE POLICY OF DEVELOPING CAPABLE TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE

Problem statement. The processes of decentralization, introduction of the constitutional reform, building of a law-bound, democratic and social welfare state, which are currently underway in Ukraine, stipulate the relevant processes in the sphere of local government, the prime subject thereof being territorial communities that take the lead in the life-sustaining activity of the state and the individual, since individuals satisfy the bulk of their needs in a territorial community where they live, work, rest etc. Citizens’ attitude towards their country’s authorities and the state in general depends directly on their living standards and quality of life, possibility to satisfy their personal or social needs, to affect their own activities aimed at improvement of both their own lives and the life of the society as a whole.

Recent research and publications analysis. Research conducted on the problems of local government development, and determining the role of the state in this process has been described in the scientific works by M. Baimuratov, O. Batanov, V. Beschastniy, V. Bordeniuk, V. Kuibida, Yu. Kuts, O. Lyska, V. Mamonova, Yu. Molodozhchen, H. Padalka, O. Pasternak, R. Pliushch, V. Pohorilok, M. Pukhtynskyi and other researchers.

The paper objective is research of the theoretical basis for implementing the state policy of developing capable territorial communities in Ukraine.

The paper main body. Despite numerous research works on local government, the scientific issues of the influence, forms and mechanisms of providing development of capable territorial communities in Ukraine have not been properly explored as yet. Furthermore, the subjects of implementing the state
policy of developing capable territorial communities practically have not been researched by the domestic scientists, because the available scientific explorations for the most part deal with studying of public administration mechanisms, and the mechanisms for implementing the state regional policy. All over the world, state policies play a vital role in the living activity of the society, aiming to timely identify the pending problems of social development, to determine their root causes, complexity and contradictory nature, to analyze them and find the ways to solve them. State policies are realized by way of making the relevant state political decisions and designing the appropriate mechanisms for their implementation, aimed at solving an identified problem in some sphere of social life activity or another, namely: economic, political, social, cultural, or environmental.

Conclusions of the research. Considering the preliminary groundwork done and the available approaches to defining the terms of ‘policy’, ‘state policy’, ‘public policy’, and studies of the role of the state policy in the local government sphere, we can draw a conclusion that ‘implementation of state policy of developing capable territorial communities’ is a system of organizational and legal measures directed to provide an effective and stable activity of political and social institutions which, in their turn, are to satisfy the needs – individual or common – of people living in a territorial community, and to form capable territorial communities and their sustainable development.