Development of the Method of Selecting Innovative Ideas for Following Commercialization on the Basis of the Innovative Supermarket

1. Introduction

Ukraine’s desire to acquire the status of a full member of the European community caused the need for a structural reorganization of the domestic economy towards the formation of a competitive economic infrastructure capable of adequately representing Ukraine in the European arena. The solution of this problem requires the introduction of an innovative model for development of the national economy, the priorities of which are the implementation of educational, scientific and technical activities, the implementation of measures to concentrate investment resources on the implementation of innovative projects.

In modern conditions, there is a lag in the innovative development of Ukrainian enterprises, necessitating the improvement of existing innovative and investment processes, in particular, with the means of an innovative supermarket.

2. The object of research and its technological audit

The object of research is innovative and investment processes at Ukrainian enterprises. Improvement causes the need to consolidate the activities of participants in investment and innovative activities in the form of innovative supermarkets. This allows the inventor and investor to unite in the process of producing competitive products (services, technologies, etc.), as well as searching for their end user. The interaction of inventors, investors and consumers of innovative products in the form of an innovative supermarket allows to agree on the parameters of the supply of innovations with the parameters of their demand. This accelerates the processes of commercialization of science and makes it possible to increase their economic efficiency. The study revealed quite a few disparate approaches and methods for selecting and evaluating innovative ideas [1, 2].

Key words: innovative supermarket, method for selecting innovative ideas, innovation audit.
That is why it is necessary to develop a methodology for selecting innovative ideas for their subsequent commercialization and transfer.

3. The aim and objectives of research

The aim of research is development of a methodology for selecting innovative ideas for further commercialization and transfer based on an innovative supermarket.

To achieve this aim, the following tasks are defined:

1. To substantiate the composition of the evaluation criteria for selecting innovative ideas for further commercialization and transfer using the innovative supermarket.
2. To implement an integrated evaluation of ideas based on the generalization of single criteria for meeting the requirements of an innovative project in an integrated index.
3. To develop a system of weight coefficients of single criteria for the correspondence of innovative ideas to the requirements of an innovative project to increase the level of validity and objectivity of the results of an integrated evaluation.
4. To conduct approbation of the proposed methodology for the preliminary selection of innovative ideas using the innovative supermarket.

4. Research of existing solutions of the problem

The study of the innovative market and the commercialization of innovative ideas involve many scientists and practitioners who have developed programs for the development of the innovative market and identified promising areas of investment [2–4]. A rather interesting strategic program for technology evaluation [5], however, technology evaluation is due to expert evaluations, which reduces the level of objectivity of the results. Methods for evaluating commercial potential using computer methods of analyzing information [6, 7] do not provide an opportunity to conduct a preliminary selection of innovative ideas. Over the past six years, a comprehensive technology evaluation strategy (STEP) has been developed and is constantly changing to evaluate the commercial potential of environmental technologies. Potential use of the STEP model includes technology screening, technology evaluation and prediction of factors affecting the commercial potential of environmental technologies [8], but it has a very narrow application.

The authors of [9] proposed a method for evaluating the maturity of introducing innovative technological solutions, is certainly a very important stage in the development of the country’s innovative economy. [1, 10] substantiate criteria for the preliminary selection of innovative ideas (projects) for further implementation, commercialization and transfer. However, along with the formation of a system of criteria, it is important to determine the methodology for evaluating innovative projects at the stage of their pre-selection. This requires the development of a comprehensive methodology for selecting innovative ideas for further commercialization and transfer using the innovative supermarket.

5. Methods of research

To achieve this aim, in determining the formulated tasks, their formulation and solution, the following general scientific and special research methods are used:

- methods of analysis, synthesis and logical generalization – to justify the composition of the evaluation criteria for selecting innovative ideas for further commercialization and transfer using the innovative supermarket;
- method for analyzing hierarchies – to establish weighted contributions of the evaluation criteria for selecting innovative ideas for further commercialization and transfer using the innovative supermarket;
- method of expert evaluation method of comparisons – to determine the expert group of indices for each of the evaluation criteria;
- economic and mathematical methods – to integrate individual indices into a comprehensive evaluation criterion;
- method of comparisons – to determine whether innovative ideas meet the selection criteria.

6. Research results

In modern conditions, an innovative supermarket acts as a communication network. It generates a powerful synergetic effect due to smoothing the uncertainty of the directions of implementation of proposed innovative projects at the entrance of the chain «invention – implementation – competitive products» and the needs of end-users of innovative products. This is due to the implementation of corrective actions at all stages of the transformation of inventions into the final innovative product.

The starting point of the innovative supermarket is the acquisition and processing by its experts of an innovative idea, in order to determine the suitability for the practical application of an innovative idea from the general list of proposed. An innovative idea should be submitted to an innovative supermarket in the form of an application in writing on standard forms. Such application should contain a description of the idea of the project, the scope of its application, the principle novelty, detailing the production process or technology to provide the subject of an innovative project – goods, services, technology. And also other information necessary for determining the parameters of economic efficiency.

At the stage of verification of the innovative project, specialists of the innovative supermarket should select their ideas and weed out unsuitable for further implementation by testing them for compliance with a set of evaluation criteria.

Even in the case of the authoritativeness of the inventor and the attractiveness of the idea from the point of view of practical application, there are questions of its suitability for mass production. Questions arise of its relevance to the strategic goals of the innovative supermarket, the sufficiency of its resources (temporary, material, personnel, financial, etc.) to transform the idea into a final product.

That is why, it is possible to note the important role of this stage and the need to form an objective set of criteria for preliminary evaluation of innovative projects. At the same time, the further effectiveness of the innovation-investment process depends on the objectivity of the criteria for evaluating innovative ideas, therefore their choice should be carried out with an appropriate scientific justification.

In practice, there are a number of queries that an innovative proposal should meet, in particular:

- expected volumes of production and sales of products;
- growth of market share;
- degree of penetration to the market is achievable;
imported to determine the methodology for evaluating the practical implementation of the innovative project. From the point of view of taking into account the comprehensive aspects in this field [2, 11], let’s suggest using the methodology of technical level of the complexity of implementation and the advantages of the project against the background of the proposals of competitors, and the amount of financing, the technical level of the complexity of implementation and the like. Based on the analysis and synthesis of existing research in this field, the experts of the innovative supermarket at the stage of their pre-selection, which may include quantitative and qualitative methods, peer-review methods, a matrix of evaluations, a multivariate evaluation like that. When choosing the optimal method, one should take into account the need to ensure the simplicity and speed of processing applications at the stage of preliminary selection of innovative projects. Therefore, in this study, the most appropriate is the use of the evaluation matrix method, which allows to comprehensively evaluate the phenomenon under study taking into account the importance of the characteristics of the research object.

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The application of the method of hierarchies of T. Saaty in establishing the weight coefficients of the criteria for evaluating innovative projects that are components for calculating the integral indicator of the project’s compliance allows:

- first, to obtain a weighted level of indicators, which are established by expert evaluation of the significance of the relevant indicators in the aggregated evaluation criterion;
- secondly, based on the weight of each criterion of the evaluation system, establish the overall level of compliance of the innovative project with the requests of experts from the innovative supermarket.

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<th>Market</th>
<th>Ecological</th>
<th>Industrial</th>
<th>Financial and economic</th>
<th>Social</th>
<th>Product</th>
<th>Root of 6th degree</th>
<th>Vector Rank</th>
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<td>0.0069</td>
<td>0.4368</td>
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<td>1.3480</td>
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<td>286.0000</td>
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<td>Social</td>
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<td>1/2</td>
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<td>1/3</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>0.0417</td>
<td>0.5888</td>
<td>0.083</td>
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Check consistency of expert evaluation:

- \( \lambda_{max} \)
- Consistency index
- Consistency relation

\[ \lambda_{max} = 6.425 \]

\[ \text{Consistency index} = 0.08 \]

\[ \text{Consistency relation} = 0.06 \]
The proposed weighting factors will ensure an increase in the accuracy of evaluation results and objectivity of management decisions taken on their basis.

The adequacy of the results is checked by the level of the consistency index, which shows how far the position in a certain group differs from the position of other groups by the same consistency [12]. The results of the calculations are adequate, since the level of the consistency index is 0.06 at a normative value of 0.1. Proceeding from the foregoing, it seems reasonable to propose a matrix methodology that is based on scores and scales (Table 2).

Matrix of an innovative idea evaluation at a stage of preliminary selection of innovative projects

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<th>Criterion</th>
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<th>Score</th>
<th>Index</th>
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<td>Scientific and technical</td>
<td>0.082</td>
<td>* * * * * * * * * * **</td>
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<td>Industrial</td>
<td>0.191</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>1.000</td>
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Note: * – expert evaluation, ** – criterion index, which is calculated by the product of the assigned score and the criterion contribution.

Stage I
Justification of the composition of the evaluation criteria for selection

Methods of analysis, synthesis, systemic generalization

Stage II
Establishment of weighted evaluated contributions
Hierarchies analysis method

Stage III
Determination of indices for each of the evaluation criteria by the expert group
Method of expert evaluation
IP Index = \( \text{Criterion} \times \text{Weighting factor of criterion} \times \text{Score} \times \text{IP by criterion} \)

Stage IV
Integration of individual indices into a complex evaluation criterion
Economic and mathematical methods

Stage V
Determination of whether the idea meets the selection criteria
Comparison method

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<th>Score</th>
<th>1</th>
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<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
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Fig. 1. Scale of innovative consistency evaluation with pre-selection criteria

Fig. 2. Methods of selecting innovative ideas for further commercialization and transfer

So in the future, it is advisable to evaluate the received applications for design of innovative projects on this scale, and to determine their rating. The level of the integral indicator of the compliance of an innovative project with the criteria of an innovative supermarket varies from 1 to 10 and has an interpretation of the values shown in Fig. 1.

A set of tools for a methodical approach to the selection of innovative projects for commercialization and transfer using the innovative supermarket is shown in Fig. 2.

Further approbating the methodical approach is offered on the basis of the following received applications – inventions:

– project 1 – a method for diagnosing the state of a digital intelligent sensor – belongs to the area of monitoring and diagnosing microprocessor-based engine control systems and can be used to diagnose failures of automotive sensors;

– project 2 – a method for cascading the conversion of mechanical energy into electrical energy – belongs to the field of electromechanics, in particular the method with the help of keel-rotor generators of inductor type with magnetic and electromagnetic excitation. Can be used on gearless wind power plants and low-pressure hydroelectric power stations;

– project 3 – energy efficient electric burner – belongs to electric heaters and can be used as a structural element of electric cookers for public catering establishments, in professional kitchens, in canteens, restaurants and the like;

– project 4 – coated pearlite granules, the method of their manufacture and methods for manufacturing concrete and parts – belongs to the production of building materials. Can be used in the production of silicate wall products, silicate bricks, tiles, blocks, wall panels, are subjected to autoclave treatment during hardening;

– project 5 – device for measuring the viscosity of liquid substances – belongs to the laboratory instrumentation, to the means of measuring the viscosity of liquid systems;

– project 6 – business document – concerns the field of advertising and printed materials for special purposes. Can be used to provide services to the user and bring advertising and additional information;

– project 7 – centrifugal pump – belongs to the field of engineering and can be used in pumps for pumping water and other neutral liquids in mine drainage systems in the coal and mining industry.

Based on the proposed matrix (Table 2), evaluating the compliance of submitted applications with the criteria for the practical implementation of an innovative supermarket (Table 3).
Systematization of the results of preliminary testing of innovative ideas by evaluating the level of their compliance with the criteria of an innovative supermarket for further practical implementation is presented in Table 4.

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<th>No.</th>
<th>Innovative idea</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Consistency level</th>
<th>Application status</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Method of diagnosing the state of a digital intelligent sensor</td>
<td>6.269</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Comes to operation</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Method for cascading the conversion of mechanical energy into electrical energy</td>
<td>7.986</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
<td>Comes to operation</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Energy efficient electric burner</td>
<td>7.075</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Comes to operation</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Coated pearlite granules, the method of their manufacture and methods for manufacturing concrete and parts</td>
<td>6.557</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Comes to operation</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Device for measuring the viscosity of liquid substances</td>
<td>6.850</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Comes to operation</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Business document</td>
<td>4.631</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Eliminated</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Centrifugal pump</td>
<td>4.598</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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Thus, according to Table 4 it becomes clear that at the stage of preliminary verification of applications – innovative ideas experts of the innovative supermarket screened 2 applications from 7 submitted for consideration.

So the process of preliminary selection of inventions and innovative ideas is quite complex and provides for a thorough check of the authors’ proposed developments for compliance with the main criteria of innovative and investment ability, namely:

- scientific and technical criteria;
- production criterion;
- market criterion;
- financial and economic criteria;
- social criteria;
- ecological criteria.

The proposed set of criteria for the conformity of innovative ideas is consistent with existing methods of selecting innovative projects for the provision of state support. And also it allows to study the ability of innovative developments for commercial use in a complex way and to establish the level of its social utility at the stage of marketing of innovative products obtained as a result of practical development.
7. SWOT analysis of research results

Strengths. The strength of research is the proposed methodology for selecting innovative ideas for commercialization and transfer by means of an integrated evaluation, which, in contrast to existing ones, takes into account:
- set of evaluation criteria for selection;
- weighted contributions of individual criteria to the overall evaluation;
- indices of the innovative idea according to the developed set of criteria;
- procedure for the integrated evaluation of innovative projects based on a set of criteria;
- scale of the correspondence of innovative ideas to the criteria of innovation, which, on the whole, makes it possible to compare innovative applications on a standardized list of diverse criteria.

Weaknesses. The weak side is that the proposed approach to the preliminary selection of innovative ideas is quite complex and time-consuming, which in turn leads to significant costs.

Opportunities. Opportunities for further research are the development of a methodical approach to the rating evaluation of the economic efficiency of innovative projects. Such approach should provide for the systematization of different aspects of the economic efficiency of innovative projects of single indicators in the direction of coverage and the rationale for their generalization into an integral criterion of economic efficiency. This allows to identify the most and least attractive to the investor innovative projects and justify management decisions on investing funds.

Threats. Threats to the results of the conducted research are legislative difficulties in registration of an innovative idea that have passed preliminary selection, determining the scope of its application and establishing the type of protection document as necessary conditions for the formation of an innovative project and its further implementation.

8. Conclusions

1. The composition of the evaluation criteria for the selection of innovative ideas for further commercialization and transfer using the innovative supermarket is substantiated. These include: scientific and technical, market, ecological, production, financial and economic, and social. Rationale for conducting on the basis of analysis and synthesis of existing research in this field.

2. The proposed integrated evaluation of ideas on the basis of generalization of single criteria of compliance with the requirements of an innovative project in an integrated index in order to facilitate comparative evaluation of innovative ideas at the stage of their pre-selection. This is done by ensuring the simplicity and speed of processing applications.

3. The developed system of weight coefficients of single criteria for the correspondence of innovative ideas to the requirements of an innovative project to increase the level of validity and objectivity of the results of the integral evaluation, which allows to take into account the separate contribution of such criteria in the general index. Because it allows: first, to obtain a weighted level of indicators, which are established by expert evaluation of the significance of the relevant indicators in the aggregated evaluation criterion; secondly, based on the weight of each criterion of the evaluation system, establish the overall level of compliance of the innovative project with the requests of experts of the innovative supermarket.

4. The developed technique of selection of innovative ideas by means of innovative supermarket on the basis of which experts of an innovative supermarket carry out preliminary selection of innovative ideas for their further commercial use. Approval of the proposed methodology at the stage of preliminary verification of applications – innovative ideas by experts of the innovative supermarket allows to weed out 2 applications from 7 submitted for consideration.

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