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INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO TRANSFORMING LIFELONG EDUCATION: FOREIGN EXPERIENCE, PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

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ABSTRACT

This article examines the role of innovative approaches in transforming the lifelong education system, foreign experience, existing problems, and ways to address them. The study analyzes mechanisms of modernization, the role of artificial intelligence in education, a competence-based unified educational, scientific and innovation environment, and the convergence of education models: hybrid formats, mixed competences, and cross-functional pedagogical teams

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Introduction. In today's global world, knowledge, technology and human capital have become the main factors of competitiveness. The development of the digital economy, artificial intelligence and the green transition places new demands on education: a child from preschool age must develop creative thinking, an adolescent must acquire practical skills, and a student must adapt quickly to a rapidly changing labor market. For this reason, lifelong education, that is, the coordinated functioning of the entire chain from kindergarten to higher education and professional retraining, has become a pressing task.

In many countries, the transition from a traditional model divided into separate stages to a flexible, learner-centered and competence-based model is treated as a priority state policy. This article examines the theoretical foundations of this process, foreign experience, existing problems, and directions for solving them.

The role of innovative approaches in transforming lifelong education and their significance in the learning process

Concept and essence. An innovative approach means introducing qualitatively new solutions into the goals, content, methods, technologies and management system of education. In lifelong education, innovation is not an update within a single stage, but the elimination of gaps between stages and the creation of a coherent learning trajectory for each learner.

Transformation, in turn, means the integration of innovations at the level of the entire system and a fundamental change in learning outcomes. The central question shifts from ”what was taught” to ”what the person is able to do.”

Significance in the learning process. The main significance of innovative approaches for the learning process is as follows:

- *Improving the quality of education.* Measuring learning outcomes, individual development plans and continuous feedback ensure real progress for each learner.
- *Expanding equal opportunities.* Digital resources and distance formats reduce regional and social disparities.
- *Developing the potential of teaching staff.* Innovation shapes the teacher not as an executor, but as a designer, researcher and mentor.
- *Reducing the gap between education and the labor market.* Practical competences and cooperation with industry increase graduates' chances of employment.
- *Forming a culture of lifelong learning.* The idea of continuity makes education a process that lasts throughout life.

Key conditions for introducing innovations. For innovative approaches to be effective, the following conditions must be met: updating the legal and regulatory framework, continuous professional development of teachers, a results-oriented funding system, the active involvement of parents and employers in the process, and sufficient digital infrastructure.

Mechanisms for Modernizing Lifelong Education Based on Foreign Experience

General directions of foreign experience. In developed and rapidly developing countries, the modernization of lifelong education proceeds along several common directions:

1. Creating a national competence framework. Many countries have developed unified competence frameworks covering all stages of education (for example, the European Union's recommendation on key competences). This makes it possible to compare learning outcomes and ensure continuity.

2. Smoothing transitions between stages. When moving from kindergarten to school, from school to vocational education, and then to university, adaptation programs, credit systems and recognition mechanisms are applied.

3. Dual education. In the experience of Germany, Switzerland and Austria, an educational institution and an enterprise prepare the learner together; theoretical knowledge and practical skills are delivered inseparably.

4. Retraining and professional development systems. The Singaporean model (for example, the SkillsFuture initiative) is based on providing citizens with individual learning accounts and financial support for learning throughout life.

5. Autonomous and continuous development of teachers. In Finland's experience, teacher training takes place at master's level, with priority given to pedagogical research and the professional autonomy of teachers.

6. Quality assurance based on learning outcomes. In many systems, the quality of education is assessed not by formal indicators, but by learners' real competences.

Modernization mechanisms. Analysis of foreign experience allows the following mechanisms to be identified:

Mechanism	Content	Example from foreign experience (generalized)
Updating the legal framework	Enshrining continuity, recognition and credit systems in legislation	European qualifications framework (EQF) and national qualification frameworks
Financial mechanisms	Outcome-linked grants, individual learning accounts	Skills development funds in Singapore, the Republic of Korea and other countries
Education–industry cooperation	Partnership between educational organizations and enterprises	Dual education in Germany and Austria
Digital platforms	Distance and blended learning, open educational resources	Massive open online courses (MOOCs) and national digital learning platforms

Mechanism	Content	Example from foreign experience (generalized)
Monitoring and evaluation	Data-based decision-making	Analysis of results from international assessments (PISA, PIAAC)

Conclusion. Foreign experience shows that the modernization of lifelong education is carried out not through a single reform, but through a set of interrelated mechanisms. It is important to adapt foreign models to the historical, economic and cultural characteristics of each country, rather than copying them mechanically.

Conditions for Transforming Lifelong Education Based on Artificial Intelligence

Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence in Education. Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies can be applied in education in the following areas:

- *Personalized learning.* The learner's level of knowledge, pace of learning and errors are analyzed, and suitable tasks and materials are recommended.
- *Adaptive assessment.* Tests and tasks become more or less difficult depending on the learner's answers.
- *Pedagogical analytics.* Teachers receive information on the dynamics of achievement and motivation for the class and for individual students.
- *Language and inclusion.* Speech recognition, machine translation and assistive technologies make education more accessible for children with disabilities and for those learning in a second language.
- *Education management.* Automating admissions, timetabling, document flow and reporting saves school administrators' time.

Conditions. Transformation based on AI requires the following conditions:

1. Infrastructure. Stable internet, modern devices, and schools and universities equipped with the necessary facilities.

2. Data security and privacy. Legal and technical standards that protect the personal data of learners and students. Collecting and processing children's data requires a particularly strict approach.

3. Ethical standards. Principles of algorithmic fairness, transparency and human oversight. AI recommendations must not replace the decision of the teacher or parent.

4. Digital and AI literacy. An understanding of the capabilities and limitations of AI by both learners and teachers, along with the skill to critically evaluate its outputs.

5. Teacher preparation. Teachers must be able to use AI tools for educational purposes and integrate them into lesson planning.

6. Content renewal. Curricula should focus not on memorizing information, but on critical thinking, identifying and solving problems, creativity, and collaborative work with AI.

Risks and limitations. Introducing AI into education carries risks: excessive dependence on technology, weakening of learners' independent thinking, deepening of the digital divide, and data security problems. For this reason, when introducing AI, the guiding principle must remain: ”the pedagogical goal comes first, not the technology.”

Opportunities of competence-based education in creating a unified educational, scientific and innovation environment

The concept of a unified environment. A unified educational, scientific and innovation environment means the integration of education, science and production into one system. In such an environment, learners take part not only in textbook exercises, but in real projects, research and industrial tasks, while teachers and scientists jointly create new knowledge and products.

Advantages of the competence-based approach. Unlike the ”knowledge transfer” model, competence-based education defines the outcome as a unity of knowledge, skills and attitudes. Its main advantages are:

- learning outcomes become clear and measurable;
- the content of education at different stages is logically linked;
- learners can choose their own development path;
- knowledge is assessed by how it is applied in practice.

Directions for forming the environment. Creating a unified environment requires the joint implementation of the following directions:

1. A common competence framework. A national document that defines expected outcomes for each stage and ensures coherence between them.

2. Scientific and innovation centers. Learning laboratories, startup incubators and project offices at universities, research institutes and schools.

3. Digital portfolio and competence passport. A learner's achievements, projects and certificates are gathered in a single digital profile, which simplifies recognition when moving between stages.

4. Open scientific and practical cooperation. Permanent platforms for collaboration with industry, the service sector and social organizations in each region.

5. Mentoring system. Regular guidance of young people by experienced teachers, scientists and industry specialists.

Practical example. A typical scenario for a competence-based environment: schoolchildren carry out a project on a local environmental issue (for example, drinking water quality), combining knowledge from physics, chemistry, mathematics and computer science, and discuss the results with the district administration or a local enterprise. Here, the learning outcome is assessed as the combined demonstration of competences across several subjects.

Convergence of education models: hybrid formats, mixed competences and cross-functional pedagogical teams

Convergence is the drawing together and mutual alignment of educational stages and formats that have traditionally been separate. In the case of kindergarten, school, vocational education and higher education, this process appears as follows.

Hybrid Formats. Hybrid learning is a combination of face-to-face and distance learning. It takes several forms:

- *In kindergarten:* developmental sessions held together with parents, and monitoring of each child's development through digital resources.
- *In school:* part of the subjects is studied online, while classroom time is devoted to discussion, practical projects and teamwork.
- *In vocational education:* the theoretical part is delivered remotely, and the practical part is carried out in an enterprise or workshop.
- *In higher education:* lectures are combined with open online courses, and research and practice are conducted in real-world settings.

Mixed competences. The modern labor market requires a specialist who knows several fields and can combine them, rather than a narrowly specialized performer. Mixed competences are the combination of knowledge and skills from two or more areas, for example: technology and pedagogy, production and digital management, art and engineering (the STEAM approach).

Such competences are formed step by step: in kindergarten — creativity and experimentation; in school — interdisciplinary thinking; in vocational education — professional practice; in university — specialized knowledge and research skills.

Cross-functional pedagogical teams. A cross-functional team is a group of specialists from different stages and fields who jointly design and implement a project. For example, a kindergarten teacher, a school psychologist, a master from a vocational college and a university methodologist could together develop a program defining a child's development path from age 3 to 18.

The advantages of such a team are:

- jointly identifying and eliminating ”gaps” between stages;
- pooling experience from different fields;
- professional growth of teachers and the formation of a culture of mutual learning;
- a holistic view of educational outcomes.

Conditions for Convergence. Successful convergence requires the distribution of management powers across stages, flexible financial mechanisms, time and incentive systems for teachers, and a unified digital platform that ensures information exchange between educational organizations.

Problems and Directions for Solutions

The analysis identifies the following main problems in transforming lifelong education:

Problem	Consequence	Direction for solution
Gaps and inconsistency between stages	Learning losses for learners during transitions	Common competence framework, adaptation programs, recognition mechanism

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Teachers' unpreparedness for innovation	Formal introduction of new technologies and methods	Continuous professional development, mentoring, pedagogical master's programs and internships
Limited financial resources	Uneven development of infrastructure	Outcome-based grants, public–private partnership, individual learning accounts
Gap between education and the labor market	Difficulties in graduates' employment	Dual education, cooperation with industry, practical projects
Digital inequality	Differences in opportunities across regions and social groups	Expanding digital infrastructure, providing devices and internet access
Regulatory and ethical gap in AI	Risks of data security breaches and algorithmic errors	National AI ethics principles, data protection standards
Formalism of assessment systems	Real competences are not measured	Portfolio, project-based and competence-oriented assessment
Fragmented governance across stages	Duplicated programs, wasteful use of resources	Regional unified education clusters, integration of information systems

Systemic directions for solutions. These problems should be addressed not in isolation but comprehensively. A three-level approach can be effective:

1. Regulatory level: adoption of a lifelong education concept, a competence framework, AI ethics principles and teacher training standards.

2. Organizational level: regional education clusters, coordination councils across stages, and a network of pilot schools, colleges and universities.

3. Pedagogical level: practical modules for teachers, model programs, project-based learning and methodological guides on using digital tools.

The Importance of Pilot Projects. Before a large-scale reform, it is advisable to run pilot projects in one or several regions. This makes it possible to identify errors early, adapt solutions to local conditions, and build an evidence base for wider implementation. Pilot results should be accompanied by regular monitoring and open reporting.

Conclusion. The transformation of lifelong education is a complex, multi-stage and long-term process in which innovative approaches serve as the main tool for addressing problems of educational quality and continuity between stages. Foreign experience, in particular dual education, retraining systems, competence-based frameworks and teacher preparation, offers valuable lessons, but these models must be adapted to national conditions rather than copied mechanically. Artificial intelligence makes personalized learning possible, but its effectiveness will emerge only when ethical standards, data protection and teacher preparation are ensured. A unified competence-based educational, scientific and innovation environment reduces gaps between stages and connects learning outcomes with real life, while hybrid formats, mixed competences and cross-functional teams are the main mechanisms for the convergence of education models.

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