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## Human capital and social infrastructure as the elements of economic policy

The problems associated with the formation of a systematic approach to the formation of one of the most important factors of economic development - quality human capital are considered. The solution to this strategic problem - long-term and extraterritorial - is closely related to the effective functioning of a number of specialized structures that ensure its creation and reproduction. Such complex, called "social infrastructure", simultaneously performs a number of economic functions of a short-term localized nature, which leads to the use of dual criteria and indicators for assessing its development: from the point of view of current consumption of the social services and from the point of view of prospective growth of human capital. The necessity of coordinating strategic and local goals when considering projects for the development of social infrastructure is shown. The stages of formation of human capital in accordance with the need for its support through the creation of each stage of the social infrastructure are highlighted.

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