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## The theoretical – methodological foundations of organizing budget accounting and control

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### Abstract

This article, the effective organization of budget accounting and control plays a crucial role in ensuring the financial stability of budgetary institutions and the efficient management of resources. This study highlights the importance of properly organizing the budget, implementing advanced information technologies, training staff, and conducting independent audits. Additionally, clear planning, implementation, and monitoring processes help reduce financial risks. As a result, an effective budget control system plays a key role in achieving broader economic goals in the public sector.

**Keywords:** Budget Accounting; Budget Control; Financial Stability; Resource Management; Information Technologies; Staff Training; Independent Audits; Financial Risks; Public Sector; Economic Goals.

### 1. Introduction

Currently, the organization of budget accounting and control plays a crucial role in ensuring the financial stability of the state and enterprises, effectively allocating resources, and achieving strategic objectives in the modern economy.

“Budget accounting is the process of monitoring, analyzing, and reporting on the state, utilization, and outcomes of budget funds and resources of a government or organization”.

The organization of budget accounting should consider the following key principles [2]. Comprehensive Record-Keeping: Every type of income and expenditure, as well as the sources and allocations of budget funds, must be fully documented. Effective Monitoring: Regular oversight of budget spending is essential to prevent errors or misuse.

Accuracy of Reporting: Budget accounting must regularly provide complete and precise reports. “Budget control: This involves various activities aimed at ensuring the proper utilization of budget funds, effective management of financial resources, and alignment with planned objectives. The control process includes the following key activities” [3].

Internal control: The internal control system within budgetary organizations ensures the verification of financial operations and expenditures for compliance with the budget.

External control: External audits are conducted by state auditors or other independent supervisory bodies. The goal of this oversight is to prevent the inefficient use of budget funds.

International audit and control standards: Budget accounting must align with international standards, enhancing financial transparency and public trust.

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### 1.1. Interconnection between budget reporting and control:

There is a close relationship between budget reporting and control. Reports provide clear information on how budget funds are utilized, spent, and the remaining balances. This data supports oversight bodies in verifying and ensuring the proper use of budget funds. Thus, an effective reporting and control system guarantees the transparent and efficient management of budget resources.

Budgeting involves setting predefined objectives, reporting actual performance results, and evaluating these results by comparing them with the established goals. Budget control systems are universal and serve as an essential tool for financial planning. The purpose of budget control is to provide income and expense forecasts, achieved by modeling how specific strategies, events, and plans impact the financial performance of a business.

Many companies use budget control as a core tool for internal corporate oversight, offering a comprehensive management platform for the efficient and cost-effective allocation of resources. It enables management teams to plan for the future, implement these plans, and monitor performance against the planned targets.

The effective implementation of budget control is a critical assurance for ensuring the successful execution of budgets within an organization.

Many organizations have adopted enhanced budget control systems, which transform the entire budgeting process into a comprehensive control mechanism. This system encompasses the preparation, evaluation, monitoring of budget execution, and integrating reward and penalty measures, covering the preliminary, ongoing, and post implementation phases of control processes.

Through narrow budget control, organizations focus primarily on comparing actual performance with the budget, analyzing discrepancies, and taking corrective actions. This approach emphasizes budget execution, evaluation, and oversight, enabling efficient management, performance analysis, and alignment with established standards.

In recent years, the reforms in our country's budget and tax policies have highlighted the need for budget organizations to reduce allocations and explore alternative revenue sources outside the traditional budget. This shift underscores the necessity of adapting to financial constraints while maintaining operational efficiency.

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## 2. Literature review

In modern literature, to enhance the efficiency of budget accounting and control, the following measures can be implemented:

- **Utilization of Information Technology:** Automate and streamline processes by employing modern information technologies in the management and monitoring of budget funds.
- **Effective Training and Education:** Conduct regular training programs for staff in budget organizations, focusing on budget reporting and control to improve their professional skills.
- **Independent Audits and Inspections:** Strengthen the budget system and improve transparency through regular audits and inspections conducted by external auditors.

According to Russian researcher V.V.Semenov "budget accounting plays a central role in the relationship between the state and the economy, as well as in the efficient allocation of resources". He identifies the primary function of the budget system as ensuring the proper management and effective utilization of the state's economic resources. The budget process involves not only the calculation of funds but also their efficient allocation across various sectors and projects. This highlights the dual role of budget systems in resource accountability and strategic distribution to achieve broader economic goals [7].

Here is the corrected reference with the year included: Hayek, Friedrich (2015) Austrian Economist Hayek emphasized the importance of a decentralized decisionmaking process for the efficient allocation of public finances. He argued that the budget system should be flexible to effectively allocate resources in a free-market economy. Additionally, he highlighted the growing significance of financial control mechanisms in this process [4].

- **Effective Budget Management:** Budget accounting monitors the implementation of the state's economic policies. Through calculations and analysis, it is possible to determine the resources the government is working

with. The fair allocation of resources ensures the effectiveness of economic programs and projects carried out by the state.

- James Buchanan (Nobel Laureate in Economics, 1986) based on his public choice theory, considered budget and financial control mechanisms essential for reducing government inefficiency. He emphasized the necessity of managing public funds responsibly and spending them transparently [1].
- Resource Allocation and Management: The primary goal of the budget is to manage the state's economic resources (funds, material resources, human resources) efficiently. Through budget accounting, it is possible to assess how the state and other organizations within the economic system (such as those implementing public expenditures) allocate and spend funds, as well as evaluate the benefits derived from these resources.

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### 3. Research methodology

This study thoroughly analyzes the relevance of effectively organizing budget accounting and control, as well as the impact of this process on the financial stability of the state and organizations. Advanced methods such as analysis, synthesis, abstract logical and critical thinking, as well as generalization, were applied to present comprehensive solutions to the issue.

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### 4. Analysis and results

Budget accounting and control are of critical importance for organizations and government agencies, ensuring the effective management of financial resources. Budget accounting allows for continuous monitoring of an organization's financial status by determining and controlling the inflow, distribution, and expenditure of funds. At the same time, budget control ensures that all funds are used in accordance with set objectives.

- Effective Management of Expenses and Revenues: The budget accounting and control system enables an organization to strictly monitor expenses and ensure the implementation of financial plans. This prevents wasteful spending and unclear expenditures. In other words, the organization's financial resources are utilized to their maximum efficiency.
- Planning and Strategic Decision-Making: The budget system assists organizations in strategic planning by analyzing their financial situation and identifying future development directions. Based on budget reports, organizations can plan their revenues and expenses, thereby determining opportunities for investment or the implementation of new projects.
- Transparency and Accountability: Budget accounting and control help make all financial activities of the organization transparent and open. This not only enhances the effectiveness of the internal management system but also strengthens trust among external stakeholders, such as investors, tax authorities, and auditors.
- Effective Financial Management: Organizations with well-structured budget accounting and control systems allocate and utilize resources efficiently. This improves their financial condition and ensures long-term stability.
- Reduction of Errors and Uncertainties: Budget control helps identify and correct errors or uncertainties in the budget at an early stage, enhancing the reliability of the financial system.
- Stages of the Budget Accounting and "Budget Control" System: Budget Planning: In this stage, the overall scope and structure of the budget are determined based on defined objectives, and revenue and expense forecasts are developed.
- Budget Approval: The planned budget is officially approved and integrated into the budget system. Necessary permissions and endorsements are obtained at this stage.
- Budget Fund Allocation: Funds are distributed across specific departments or programs in accordance with the approved budget, ensuring their proper utilization.

**Table 1** Budget accounting and “budget control” system stages

Stage	Components of the organization of budget accounting and control
"Continuous control over the execution of budgets"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Current control over budget executors</li> <li>2. Review of reports on the execution of budgets</li> <li>3. Signing reports on the execution of budgets</li> </ol>
"Control and regulation of current financial and economic activity through budget indicators"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Continuous monitoring of the organization's activities</li> <li>2.2 Correcting the performance indicators (goals) of the organization</li> <li>2.3 Evaluation of budget indicators</li> </ol>

- Adherence to the Budget: Once funds are allocated, expenses are executed, and payments are made according to the budget.
- Monitoring and Oversight: The expenditure of budget funds is regularly tracked and monitored. This process is critical for identifying and addressing errors.
- Budget Adjustments: If changes to the budget are necessary, such as reduced revenues or increased expenses, modifications are made accordingly.
- Conducting a Budget Audit: An audit is carried out to ensure proper and efficient use of the budget. Audit results help identify errors and shortcomings.
- Reporting and Analysis: A final budget report is prepared, results are analyzed, and recommendations for changes to be implemented in future years are identified.

One of the key principles in budget reporting and the reporting system is the principle of consolidation, which requires reports to be presented in an integrated manner. For example, reports from institutions funded by the state must be consolidated into the general budget report of public organizations.

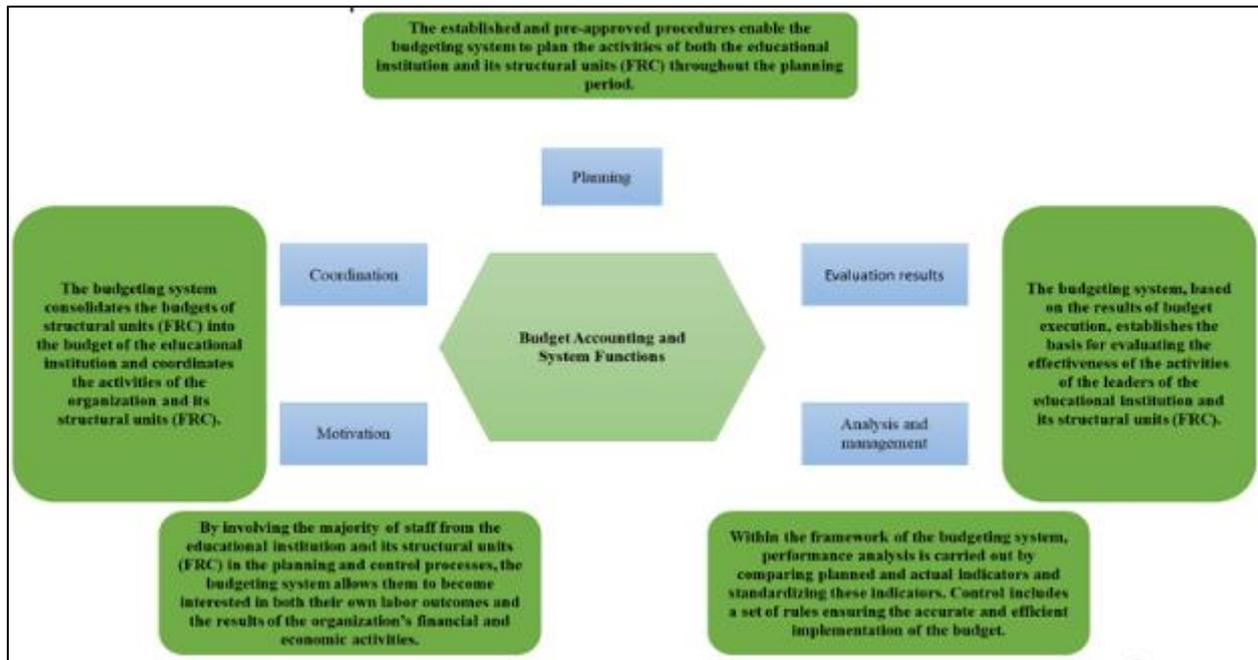
While organizing financial reports is essential, it does not fully address the issue of creating an effective management reporting system. Reports must provide analytical data that assist executive bodies and local authorities in making informed economic decisions.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has developed a financial statistics system for tax and budget analysis, detailed in the Government Finance Statistics Manual. Many guidelines related to budget reporting and accounting are derived from this manual.

Additionally, the methodology of internal control directly impacts budgeting processes and can be effectively applied in independent educational institutions to enhance efficiency.

Research indicates that some large independent educational institutions have developed budgeting systems that have delivered successful results. These practices have contributed to positive outcomes such as: Increased student enrollment, adoption of additional government and local projects, expansion of entrepreneurial activities and stabilization of financial performance in the education sector.

Based on these positive outcomes, the authors recommend that independent educational institutions create budgets detailing the flow of funds from grants and commercial activities, categorized into specific expense types such as fixed costs, variable costs, and taxes.



**Figure 1** Budget calculation and classification of the system

With such detailed budget indicators, the accounting department can: Maintain comprehensive control over financial flows, enhance audit processes and establish a reliable database for future financial planning, including identifying the break-even point. This approach serves as a strategic tool to improve financial stability and strengthen planning capabilities.

## 5. Conclusion

In conclusion, the organization of budget accounting and control plays a crucial role in ensuring the financial stability of budgetary institutions and effective resource management. The study emphasizes that proper budget accounting and control contribute to transparency, accountability, and the efficient allocation of resources. It is evident that the integration of advanced information technologies, continuous staff training, and independent audits are key to improving the budget system's effectiveness. Moreover, ensuring consistency between financial reporting and budget execution enhances the trust of external stakeholders and helps avoid financial inefficiencies or misuse of funds.

Furthermore, the research highlights the importance of clear and systematic budget planning, implementation, and monitoring stages to guarantee that financial resources are used effectively and in accordance with set goals. The proactive detection of errors or discrepancies in budget execution contributes to minimizing financial risks and ensures the alignment of expenditures with strategic objectives.

Finally, the findings underline the need for a consolidated approach to budget accounting, where all financial activities across various sectors are integrated to form a comprehensive picture. This integration improves decision-making processes, supports long-term financial planning, and strengthens the overall economic stability of organizations, especially in the public sector. Therefore, the efficient organization of budget accounting and control is not only essential for the day-to-day management of financial resources but also for the achievement of broader economic and strategic goals.

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