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GENERAL CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ACCOUNTING SUB-DISCIPLINE IN LATVIA

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The accounting is a specific discipline with its own research methodology, which is rather new in Latvia. Furthermore, there exists an ongoing discussion about role of the accounting in the economics and in the management science. Results of the researches in the discipline of accounting have to be useful for certain groups of users of accounting information. Novely of the above mentioned statements as well as practical experience of the authors have lead to the development of this research.

The legal regulation is an essential attribute of the accounting as a subdiscipline of the economics. M. Smith emphasises that it is significant to consider both the legal provisions that regulate accounting and the research object, when carrying out the research within the accounting theory. Smith analyses various approaches and methods in the accounting research, thus emphasising both the role of the legal norms in analyses of primary data and issues, and possible improvement of the legal norms as a result of the research. [1]

The Finnish author T. Salmi has extensively studied the research processes in the accounting as a scientific discipline. He points to a dual nature of the accounting, since, the first, the accounting researches are focussed on the theoretical research in the accounting theory, and, the second, another direction of the accounting research generate the quantitative accounting information that becomes the initial data for the further empirical research in other disciplines. However, Salmi associates accounting as a sub-discipline only with the business economics. The authors of this research consider that the importance of the accounting information provided is justified by the significance of the information contained in financial reports both on the macro level (one of the sources for acquiring the statistical information is data of the financial accounting registries), and in the decision making process, where information included in the financial reports serves as a base for the users of information (internal users, external users, including, credit establishments, state establishments, and others) to act [2]. Table 1 – Characteristics of the scientific disciplines and sub-disciplines of Economics and Management Sciences in accordance with the Latvian Council of Science [4]

Managamant Science is a discipline re-	Economics is a discipline researching ra-
sourching special kind of activities of an in	tional yield distribution and use of natural
dividual accordinating activities in groups of	motorial labour and financial recourses
	material, labour, and imancial resources,
individuals that are established to achieve	production and consumption of goods and
specific goals. That includes planning, orga-	implementation of these processes, relation-
nizing, motivating and control, focused on	ship of production relations, development of
accurate use of employees of the company,	production forces on macro- and micro-
financial, material and information re-	levels, structure of national economy, and
sources.	development and organization of particular
	fields, goods and services with the aim to
	increase systematically incomes of popula-
	tion.
Sub-disciplines:	Sub-disciplines:
1. Business administration is a scientific	1. Theory of accounting and bookkeeping
sub-discipline researching management	is a scientific sub-discipline focusing on the
processes in private companies and other	research of content and implementation of
enterprises with the aim to maximise profits	books and reports, automation of account-
by selling goods and services. Theory,	ing, preparation of reports, functions of the
methods and instruments for rational and	state revenue service, and implementation of
sustainable functioning of the business or-	auditing.
ganization, that operates in a larger system,	2. Latvian national economy
which includes a considerable number of	3. Macroeconomics
subsystems, are developed within this sub-	4. Microeconomics
discipline, estimating coordination of the	5. Finances and credit
goals of all those systems.	6. Theory of economics
2. Public administration	7. Econometrics
3. Education management	8. Statistics
	9. Marketing
	10. Social economics
	11. Regional economics
	12. Agrarian economics

The authors have reviewed the following information to characterise the current situation:

1) the classification of the scientific disciplines in Latvia in accordance with the provisions of the Latvian Council of Science;

2) the elassification system in accordance with the Journal of Economic Literature (JEL):

3) the classification system in accordance with the Economic and Social Research Council (U.K.).

There are 45 scientific disciplines in accordance with the nomenclature of the Latvian Council of Science, including Economics (1) and Management science (1). Each of those has sub-disciplines: 12 sub-disciplines in the Economics, including theory accounting and bookkeeping, and 3 sub-disciplines in the Management science [3].

The *JEL* classification system was developed for the use in the *Journal of Economic Literature (JEL)*, and is a standard method to classify the scholar literature in the discipline of economics. The system is used to classify articles, dissertations, books, book reviews, and working papers in *EconLit* and many other applications. In accordance with the JEL classification the accounting is classified in one group with marketing, business administration and business economics [5]:

M – Business Administration and Business Economics; Marketing; Accounting. Hierarchical sub-codes:

M4 Accounting and Auditing

M410 Accounting (Guideline: Covers studies on issues related to accounting. Studies should have some economic content to be included here; Keywords: Accountant, Accounting, Actuaries, Actuary, Amortisation, Amortization, Audit Firm, Bookkeeping, Budgeting, Capital Gain, CPA, Debits, Depreciation, Double Entry, Historical Cost, Internal Transfer Pricing, Receivable, Record Keeping, Transfer Pricing)

 Table 2 – Description of the disciplines of the Economics, Management and Business Studies in accordance with the Economic and Social Research Council (UK) [6]

Economics	Management and Business Studies
Economics seeks to understand, how indi-	Maragement and Business Studies explores
viduals interact within the social structures	a wide range of aspects related to the activities
to address the key questions about the pro-	and management of business, such as strategic
duction and exchange of goods and services	and operational management, organisational
	psychology, employment relations, marketing,
	accounting, finance and logistics.

In accordance with the Economic and Social Research Council (U.K) disciplines of social sciences are classified as follows:

- Demography;
- Social Statistics, Methods and Computing;
- Development Studies;
- Human Geography;
- Environmental Planning;
- Economics;
- Management and Business Studies;
- Law:
- Economic and Social History;
- et.al.

Evaluation of the interrelations of the accounting and the economics and the management science/ business leads to the conclusion that the accounting is related to the field of business. That corresponds with the classification of social sciences provided by the Economic and Social Research Council (UK) and the code system of the JEL. Therefore, it would be appropriate to review the Latvian classification of the sciences and to include the accounting as a sub-discipline of the management sciences instead of the economics.

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СОВЕРШЕНСТВОВАНИЕ БУХГАЛТЕРСКОГО УЧЕТА РАСХОДОВ НА РЕАЛИЗАЦИЮ В СИСТЕМЕ ЛОГИСТИЧЕСКОГО УПРАВЛЕНИЯ

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Логистические расходы на реализацию часто обособляются от других затрат производителей. Однако логистические операции, как правило, тесно связаны с традиционными внутрипроизводстьенными функциями. Потому выделить в общих текущих расходах ту их часть, которая непосредственно связана с выполнением логистических операций, сложно. Существующие методы учета не позволяют обеспечить высокую достоверность таких расчетов. Это вызывает необходимость специальных исследований по разработке нормативов, выраженных в доле затрат на осуществление той или иной логистической функции в общей сумме затрат по каждому подразделению предприятия, участвующему в осуществлении логистической о процесса.

Как метод расчетя затрат калькулирование издержек миссии представляет собой полную противоположность традиционным методам. Практическое применение метода калькулирования издержек миссии требует, чтобы, во-первых, были выявлены центры ответственности по видам деятельности, связанные с конкретной миссчей распределения (транспортировка, хранение, создание запасов и др.); во-вторых, чтобы растущие издержки каждого центра ответственности, возникающие в результате осуществления соответствующей миссии, были изолированы друг от друга. [1, с.424].

Следует отметить, что согласно действующим нормативным документам Республики Беларусь «метод миссий» не применяется, однако, на наш взгляд, целесообразно использовать этот метод при учете и распределении затрат на