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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE BANKING SECTOR: PROSPECTS FOR UKRAINE

The current era dictates the acute relevance of the topic of digitalization in banking, especially given the technological advances and the exponential growth of the importance of digital means in commerce. In this regard, banks in Ukraine feel the need to implement digital technologies and other innovative solutions to ensure their competitiveness [2].

The indispensability of digital transformation for banks. In today's world of financial institutions, it is safe to say that the imperative course for maximum modernization is marked by the urgent need to embrace digitalization as a strategic driver. With the banking industry constantly evolving and consumer habits changing, Ukrainian banks need to digitally transform to stay ahead of their competitors. By implementing these changes, they can effectively manage data while providing more unique services to customers. This gives them the flexibility to respond quickly to sudden market conditions or customer needs changes [1].

Diverse and complex challenges associated with the ongoing digital transformation in the Ukrainian banking sector. The current transformation in thinking requires a thorough review of business-as-usual procedures, demanding inventive and adaptive solutions to continue to compete for distinction in an ever-evolving technology-driven atmosphere. The Ukrainian banking sector faces significant obstacles to digital transformation. The most important of these is the lack of appropriate legislation that would allow banks to effectively use modern technology. In addition, there is an urgent need to innovate and implement digital technologies that ensure customer data's security and confidentiality from intruders trying to gain unauthorized access to or use it. From the complexities of the latest technological breakthroughs to the thriving financial expansion, this area offers exciting horizons for those who can keep up with its ever-transforming topography [3]. Despite the challenges associated with the digital transformation of the banking sector in Ukraine, there are many prospects for banks that adopt digital technologies. In particular, they can

increase efficiency and reduce costs, improve the quality of customer service, and increase customer loyalty. Digital technologies can also help banks attract customers and develop products and services. One example of a successful digital transformation in the Ukrainian banking sector is PrivatBank, which has successfully implemented digital technologies to improve customer service and ensure the security of operations. In general, digital transformation is a necessary stage in the development of the banking sector in Ukraine, which allows banks to maintain their competitiveness and develop in a difficult market environment. At the same time, successful digital transformation requires developing and implementing new technologies, ensuring the security and protection of customer data, and changing business models to meet the requirements of the modern market. Successful digital transformation of banks also requires a high level of cybersecurity and data protection. This is becoming increasingly important as the frequency of cyberattacks and other cyber threats is on the rise. Banking institutions are obliged to allocate significant resources to strengthen their cybersecurity and ensure compliance with the GDPR and other legislation. On the other hand, digital transformation can help banks cut costs and increase efficiency. For example, intelligent analytical tools can help banks analyze huge amounts of data and provide more accurate forecasts and make better decisions. They also can help to automate operations and improve customer service [2].

Digital transformation offers enormous potential for the Ukrainian banking sector. Banks that successfully implement digital technologies while maintaining a high level of cybersecurity and personal data protection can gain a significant competitive advantage and ensure the long-term viability of their operations in an increasingly competitive and rapidly evolving technological environment. However, the effective use of digital technologies partly depends on the culture and philosophy of the organization. Many banking organizations do not yet have an agile and innovative culture, which can hinder the adoption of new technologies and procedures. As a result, the success of digital transformation also depends on the transformation of the organization's culture and philosophy. Even if a bank has effectively implemented digital technologies, it must continue to evolve and ensure continuous innovation as technology is constantly evolving and competition in the banking sector is increasing. Digital transformation is becoming imperative for banking organizations in a highly competitive world where customers increasingly expect fast and accessible service. Only those who can adapt and innovate will be able to remain competitive and ensure their future success. Banks that are open to innovation and ready to change will have the best chance of success in the

face of increased competition and technological advancements. As a result, banks should invest in technology and provide adequate training and professional development for their staff. Hiring and developing the right talent is also critical to the success of digital transformation. One of the main benefits of digital transformation is the opportunity to increase efficiency while reducing costs. Banks can improve efficiency and service quality by implementing automated procedures and other innovative technologies. They can also minimize the risks and costs of data storage. Banks can also use digital transformation to create new products and services that meet customer needs and ensure customer satisfaction. For example, mobile and online banking applications allow customers to make payments and obtain account information quickly and conveniently. Digital transformation is becoming a prerequisite for success in the highly competitive Ukrainian banking business. Banks should ensure the social protection of their employees and develop programs for their development and retraining.

To summarize, in the context of rapid technological development and changing consumer needs and expectations, digital transformation is a critical element of success for the Ukrainian banking sector. However, digital transformation should be implemented smartly and balanced, considering both the potential and the obstacles associated with this process [1], [2].

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