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Abstract

This work examines the influence of digital marketing on the development of Ukrainian businesses at an international level, with a focus on the "Business Media Network" case. It demonstrates that digital marketing has significantly enhanced business operations, enabling rapid information flow, more effective management of customer relations, and broadening the scope for international market penetration. The research also addresses potential risks associated with digital marketing, such as cybersecurity threats and the dissemination of misinformation, and discusses strategies that companies can employ to mitigate these risks.

Through an analysis of the "Business Media Network," the effectiveness of various digital marketing strategies, including social media utilization, content marketing, and search engine optimization, is explored. The work concludes that digital marketing provides substantial benefits for business expansion on a global scale and offers recommendations for leveraging information technologies to maximize these advantages.

Keywords: digital marketing, international business, Ukrainian business development, cybersecurity in business, social media marketing.

Анотація

Ця робота досліджує вплив цифрового маркетингу на розвиток українського бізнесу на міжнародному рівні, з акцентом на кейсі «Business Media Network». Робота демонструє, що цифровий маркетинг значно покращив бізнес-операції, забезпечивши швидкий обмін інформацією, ефективніше управління відносинами з клієнтами та розширення можливостей для проникнення на міжнародні ринки. У дослідженні також розглядаються потенційні ризики, пов'язані з цифровим маркетингом, такі як загрози кібербезпеці та поширення дезінформації, а також обговорюються стратегії, які компанії можуть використовувати для зменшення цих ризиків.

На основі аналізу "Бізнес Медіа Мережі" досліджується ефективність різних стратегій цифрового маркетингу, зокрема використання соціальних мереж, контент-маркетингу та пошукової оптимізації. У роботі зроблено висновок, що цифровий маркетинг надає суттєві переваги для розширення бізнесу в глобальному масштабі, а також запропоновано рекомендації щодо використання інформаційних технологій для максимізації цих переваг.

Ключові слова: цифровий маркетинг, міжнародний бізнес, розвиток українського бізнесу, кібербезпека в бізнесі, маркетинг у соціальних мережах.

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- ***To analyze how digital marketing impacts the development of international economic relations.***

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- *To propose strategies to enhance BMN's digital marketing framework and overall competitiveness.*
- *To recommend the best practices for improvement the foreign economic and marketing activities of BMN through digitalization.*
- *To evaluate the process of implementation of priority proposals.*

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INTRODUCTION

The digital revolution has profoundly transformed how we live, work, and conduct business, with digitalization playing a pivotal role in reshaping global economic relations. The integration of digital technologies has altered traditional business models, revolutionizing processes, and enabling seamless communication and commerce across borders. This work topic is to explore the digital marketing trends that influence Ukrainian businesses' development on an international scale, using the case study of "Business Media Network" (BMN) to illustrate these impacts.

This research is conducted by Maksym Netecha, a fourth-year Bachelor's student of International Economic Relations at Ukrainian-American Concordia University, under the guidance of Natalia Chaplynska, Ph.D. in Economics.

Relevance of this work: In today's interconnected world, digital transformation has brought both opportunities and challenges. For Ukrainian businesses, navigating this rapidly evolving landscape is crucial to harnessing the benefits of digitalization, from enhanced marketing strategies to expanding international trade relations. This study seeks to analyze these digital marketing trends, their impact on Ukraine's business development, and how BMN navigates this dynamic environment.

The growth of digitalization has been particularly significant in Ukraine, where businesses have had to adapt rapidly to technological advancements to stay competitive. Digital marketing, in particular, has become a key component of modern business strategies, allowing companies to reach global audiences, tailor their messaging, and engage customers more effectively. The digital economy's global nature has also enabled Ukrainian businesses to expand their reach, entering new markets and forging international partnerships.

However, this digital revolution has also brought challenges, such as cybersecurity risks, data privacy concerns, and the need to continuously innovate to stay ahead of competitors. This work aims to provide insights into how Ukrainian businesses can navigate these complexities, offering strategies to leverage digital marketing trends for sustainable growth.

Aim of the Bachelor's Qualification Work: The aim of this work is to study and analyze how digital marketing trends shape Ukrainian businesses' development on an international scale, with a focus on strategies employed by BMN to enhance competitiveness and global reach.

In order to achieve this aim, the following **tasks** were set:

- 1) Examine the concept of digitalization and its key components.
- 2) Determine the role of digital transformation in marketing on the national and international level.
- 3) Analyze how digital marketing impacts the development of international economic relations.
- 4) Explore BMN's digital strategies, financial performance, and competitive positioning.
- 5) Propose strategies to enhance BMN's digital marketing framework and overall competitiveness.
- 6) Recommend the best practices for improvement the foreign economic and marketing activities of BMN through digitalization.
- 7) Evaluate the process of implementation of priority proposals.

The research methodology includes qualitative and quantitative approaches, incorporating a case study analysis of BMN, in-depth interviews with industry experts, and a review of literature and secondary data sources. This comprehensive approach offers insights into the digital marketing trends affecting Ukrainian businesses on an international level.

Case Study Analysis: The case study of BMN provides a real-world example of how digitalization has impacted a Ukrainian company, offering practical insights into its digital marketing strategies, financial performance, and competitive positioning.

Literature and Secondary Data Review: A thorough review of relevant literature and secondary data sources helps to contextualize the findings, situating them within broader academic and industry discussions.

The research object is the digital marketing trends influencing Ukrainian businesses' development. This includes trends such as social media marketing, content marketing, search engine optimization, and data-driven marketing.

The research subject is a set of theoretical, methodological, and practical approaches to understanding digital marketing's impact on BMN's competitiveness and global reach.

Bachelor's qualification work consists of an introduction, three chapters, conclusions, proposals, and list of references. Work is carried out on 75 sheets, containing 33 tables and 7 figures. References include 75 literature sources.

CHAPTER I. THE CONCEPT OF DIGITALIZATION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

1.1. The concept and main components of digitalization

Digitalization, at its essence, refers to the integration of digital technologies into various facets of human society, profoundly transforming traditional processes and structures. Key components of this paradigm shift include the adoption of innovative technology, the optimization of digital processes, and the evolving roles of individuals in this new digital age (Foster, 2023).

The world has been greatly impacted by the digital revolution completely transforming our way of life, work and business practices. At the center of this revolution lies the concept of digitalization which involves utilizing technology to enhance processes improve customer experiences and foster innovation. This section explores the intricacies of digitalization examining its elements and how they affect the business sector.

Digitalization is a transformative concept that is reshaping both the social landscapes. To fully grasp its extent and influence within a business context it is crucial to analyze its definition explore its dimensions and comprehend its implications.

At its core digitalization refers to the process of converting information into a format that can be read by computers. In a sense it encompasses the integration of digital technologies, into all aspects of business operations and society as a whole. This includes transitioning from analog to technology and the subsequent changes that occur in areas such as operations management culture and value creation.

In the figure 1.1 you can see the description of “Dimensions of Digitalization” in the context of business transformation. Each item breaks down the concept of digitalization into its key components. Together, these dimensions create and shape a comprehensive approach to digital transformation that is necessary for a business or company to successfully adapt to the modern digital world.

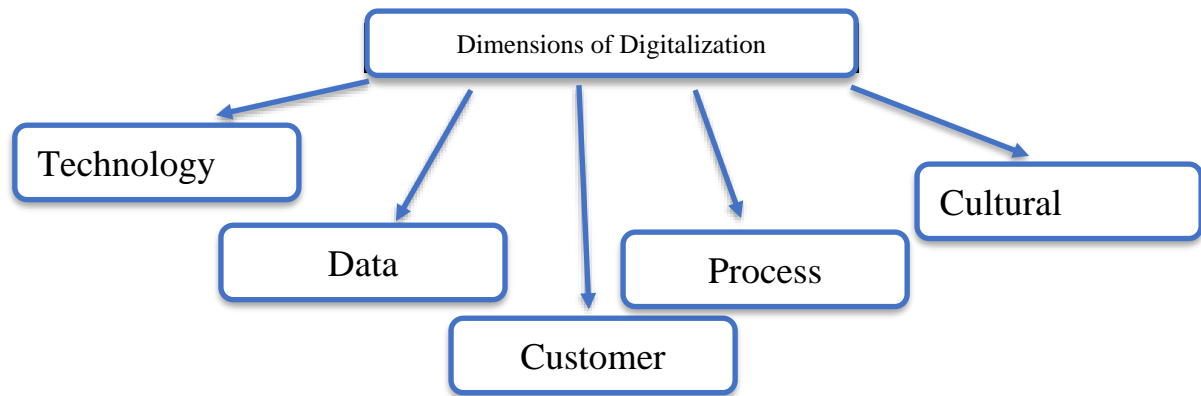


Fig. 1.1. Dimensions of digitalization

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1. Technology Dimension. This dimension focuses on adopting technologies like sensors and devices (hardware) applications and platforms (software) as well as networks such, as Internet of Things (IoT) and 5G connectivity. (McKinsey & Company, 2018)

2. Data Dimension. The main focus here revolves around the growth of data and the importance of utilizing data analytics. Businesses accumulate amounts of data, which when properly analyzed can provide insights that contribute to better decision making and a competitive edge.

3. Process Dimension. Digitalization entails reimagining and optimizing business processes for efficiency and effectiveness by leveraging technology to automate workflows.

4. Cultural Dimension. This dimension encompasses a shift, within organizations to embrace transformation. It involves fostering innovation, agility and instilling a mindset among employees.

5. Customer Dimension. This dimension highlights the nature of how businesses engage with customers with an emphasis on delivering personalized experiences across multiple channels. (McKinsey & Company, 2018)

When it comes to the impact of digitalization (Fig. 1.2), on the business world there are five key factors to consider. Each of these points sheds light on how digital transformations influence the aspects of a company and alter the way business is

conducted. This calls for innovation adaptability to market changes and effective customer engagement. It underscores the need, for a reassessment of business processes and strategic planning in order to stay competitive in this age.

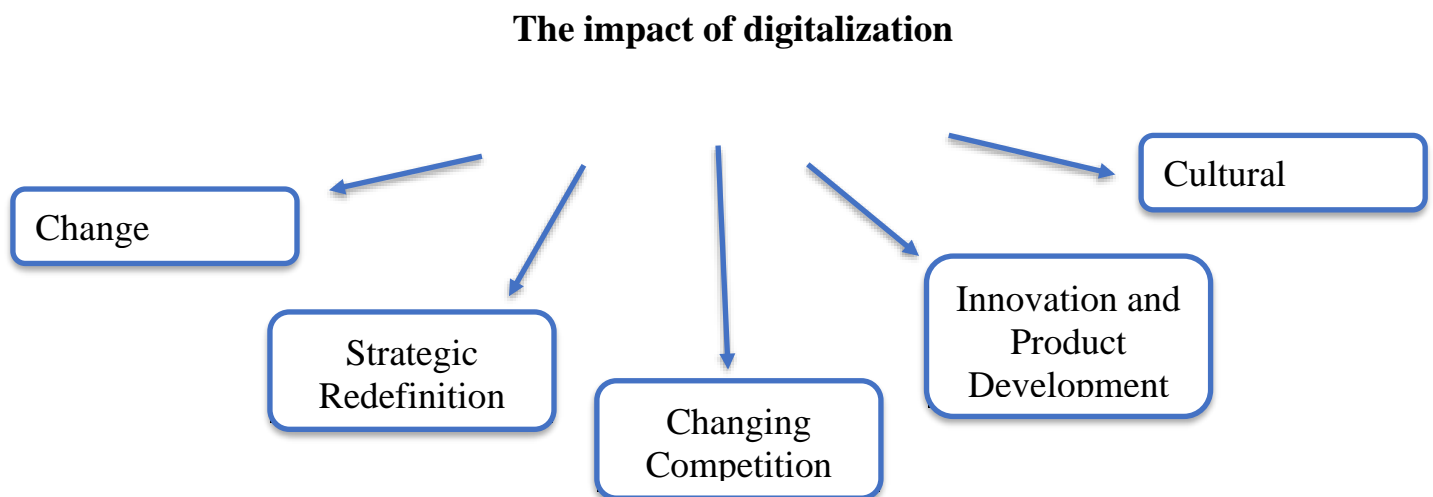


Fig. 1.2. The impact of digitalization

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1. Strategic Redefinition. Organizations are compelled to reassess their business models and strategies in response to opportunities and threats. This may result in changes in their operations and competitive approach. (McKinsey & Company, 2018)

2. Change. Digitalization often necessitates restructuring within organizations. Roles, responsibilities and reporting structures may evolve to align with a focused approach.

3. Innovation and Product Development. There is an emphasis, on innovation and rapid product development cycles in order to stay ahead in digitally driven markets. (McKinsey & Company, 2018)

4. Customer Focus. In today's age businesses are placing increasing emphasis, on serving their customers' needs. It is crucial to understand and meet the requirements and expectations of customers. (McKinsey & Company, 2018)

5. Changing Competition. Digitalization is reshaping the landscape. Traditional competitors may be replaced by native companies and the barriers to entry in many industries are being lowered.

Digitalization encompasses advancements, strategies and practices. While the ultimate goal is to create value and enhance efficiency there are factors that contribute to this transformation. Exploring these factors in detail provides an understanding of their importance and how they interact with each other.

This list outlines the main things of “Digital Infrastructure,”(Fig.1.3) essential for modern businesses to operate effectively in a modern digital world:

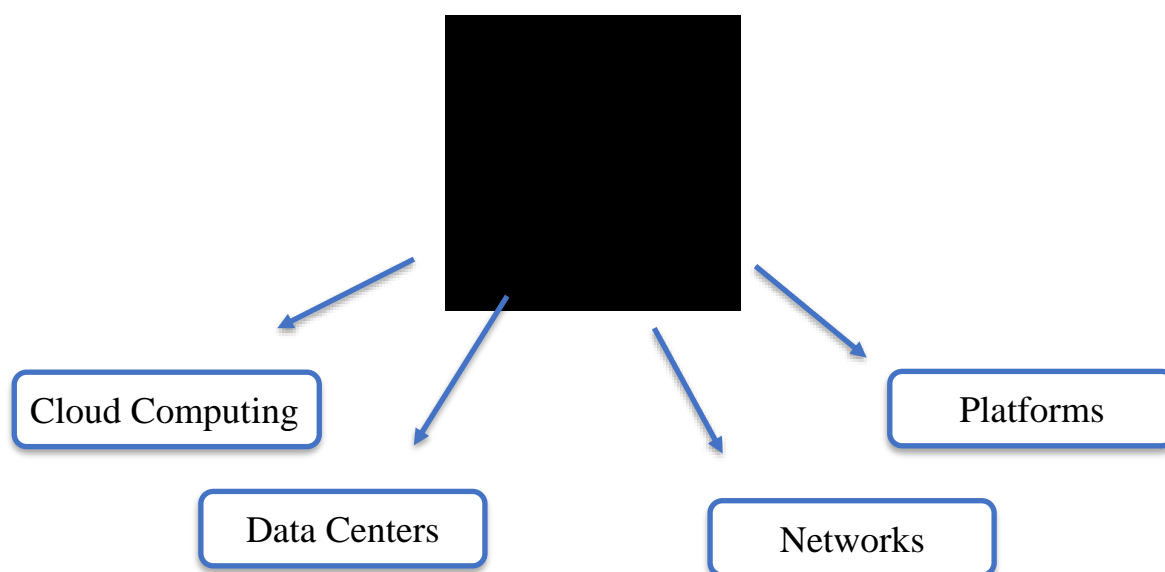


Fig. 1.3. Digital Infrastructure.

Source: made by author

1. Cloud Computing; Businesses can now. Access their data and applications on servers through cloud computing offering scalability, flexibility and cost effectiveness. There are options such as private or hybrid clouds based on specific requirements. (McKinsey & Company, 2022)

2. Data Centers; These specialized facilities house computer systems and related components critical for data storage, backup and recovery processes. They play a role, in ensuring digital operations.

3. Networks; The advancement of networks including the emergence of 5G enables data transfer, real time analytics and the ability to connect billions of devices. This sets

the foundation, for the Internet of Things (IoT) where various devices can seamlessly communicate and share information. (McKinsey & Company,2022)

4.Platforms; Software platforms play a role in enabling functionalities and serving as the backbone for digital processes. From operating systems to business applications these platforms provide the infrastructure for digital operations.

In Figure 1.4 you will find an explanation of the “Key Components of Data Analytics” in a business setting. This visual representation breaks down the concept of data analytics into its elements each having a role, in converting large volumes of data into valuable knowledge and insights. The highlighted components depicted in the figure are;



Fig. 1.4. Key components in data analytics

Source: made by author

1. Big Data refers to datasets that traditional computing systems struggle to process. With tools designed for handling data businesses can extract valuable insights from a wide range of data sources such as social media and IoT sensors.

2. Machine & Ai. Advanced analytics tools employ machine-learning techniques to detect patterns make predictions and offer insights. By leveraging these technologies businesses can make decisions that drive success. (Abhresh Sugandhi, 2022)

3. Visualization Tools are invaluable in simplifying complex data by transforming it into visual representations. These visuals make it easier for individuals to understand and interpret the insights derived from data analysis.

In Figure 1.5 we provide a look, at the role of “Digital Platforms” and their profound influence on business strategies. Each entry on the roster describes a kind of platform shedding light on their contributions, to the advancement and effectiveness of contemporary business practices. The main platforms that are examined include;

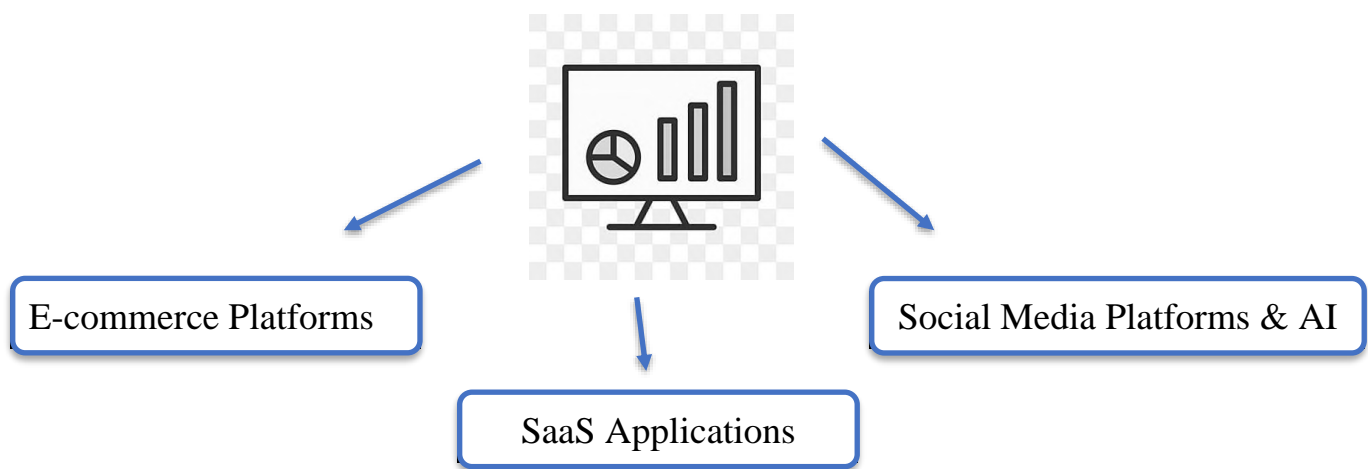


Fig. 1.5. Digital Platforms

Source: made by author

1. The rise of e-commerce platforms has brought about transformations, in retail. These platforms enable businesses to expand their reach personalize customer experiences and optimize supply chain operations.

2. Beyond facilitating connections social media platforms have become essential for brand building efforts engaging with customers directly and implementing targeted advertising strategies. (Aubree Smith,2023)

3. Software, as a Service (SaaS) enables businesses to access software through the internet on a subscription basis ensuring flexibility and cost effectiveness.

Figure 1.6 illustrates the role that “Automation and Artificial Intelligence (AI)” play in enhancing business processes and improving customer service. The following list

outlines the ways in which AI and automation technologies drive transformation, within business operations;

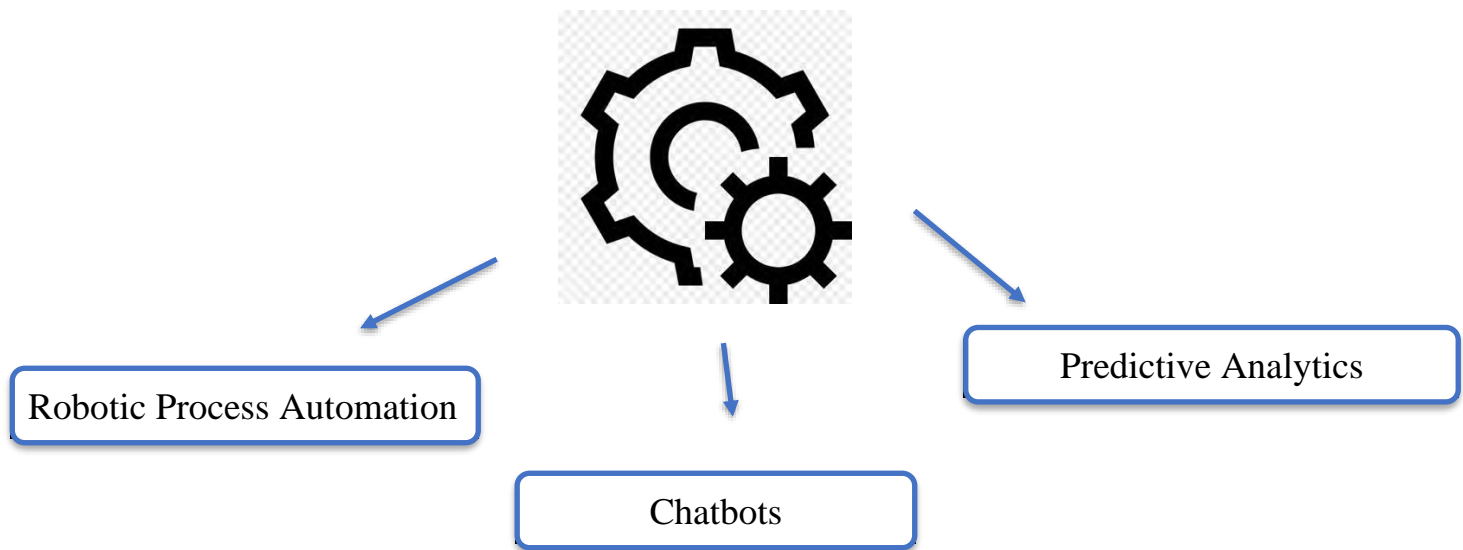


Fig. 1.6. Automation and Artificial Intelligence

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1. Robotic Process Automation (RPA) tools are like the best friends for the tasks that can be done easily by computers. They help in making the tasks smooth and free us from the tedious work. Through this, operations become more efficient, there is a reduction in errors, and we have more time for the stuff that really matters.

2. AI chatbots make it possible for customer service to be always available, giving answers round the clock, and they also help to build long-lasting relationships with customers.

3. Predictive Analytics. AI powered tools can foresee the market tendencies, the customers' behavior and the possible business risks which will thus help to set the strategies.

This list shows the most important components of “cybersecurity” that are necessary to protect information systems and networks from cyber threats:

1. Firewalls and Encryption. Safeguard data by establishing barriers against access and encrypting information.

2. Intrusion Detection Systems. Monitor networks, for suspicious activities to provide real time alerts that can prevent potential breaches.

Regularly conducting audits and staying updated on security protocols along, with providing employee training is essential to ensure that an organizations cybersecurity measures are strong and up to date.

When it comes to navigating the journey of transformation it is crucial for businesses to understand the components involved. While each component holds value individually their true potential is realized when integrated synergistically into an organizations operations and strategy.

Digitalization encompasses advancements, strategies and practices. Its overarching goal is to create value and enhance efficiency by leveraging components. By delving into these components we gain an understanding of their significance and how they interact with one another.

To successfully navigate the transformation journey businesses, need to grasp the aspects of digitalization. Each component adds value on its own. When integrated synergistically into an organizations operations and strategy their impact becomes exponential.

Digitalization is not a one size fits all approach; it encompasses a spectrum. It can involve anything from converting analog information into format like scanning paper documents into a digital archive (digitization) to implementing advanced AI driven solutions to predict consumer behavior. At its core digital transformation goes beyond changes; it involves transforming business operations, models and organizational culture to fully embrace the potential of digital technologies.

The evolving landscape of business is being reshaped by digitalization and its various components. As organizations embark on this path understanding the elements of digitalization and how they interact with each other becomes crucial. Although challenges exist along the way the economic potential of embracing transformation far outweighs any hurdles that may arise. Therefore, this path is extremely rewarding for businesses around the world.

1.2. Digital transformation in marketing on the national and international level.

The digital revolution is completely transforming the way we connect and create, not in industries but also, in our everyday lives. This section will explore the aspects of this transformation across various sectors discussing the impact, challenges and opportunities they bring (Smith & Johnson 2023). Marketing is the essential process of engaging and attracting consumers to a product or service. Kotler and Armstrong (Kotler and Armstrong, 2018) define marketing as an integrated process that encompasses the identification, anticipation, and satisfaction of customer requirements profitably. It is a strategic toolkit for businesses to broadcast the value of their offerings and establish connections with potential customers. The fundamental purpose of marketing extends beyond mere transactions; it is deeply rooted in understanding and addressing the needs and wants of consumers. Solomon (Solomon, 2014) posits that effective marketing strategies revolve around the consumer's lifestyle, preferences, and problems, aiming to provide solutions and enhance their overall quality of life. This consumer-centric approach underscores the transition from traditional selling tactics to value-driven marketing interactions (Kotler & Keller, 2016).

In the world of online shopping we've witnessed a shift from retail to digital platforms such as Amazon, Alibaba and eBay (Williams, 2018). These platforms offer personalized shopping experiences that have not changed how consumers shop but also set new global standards for retail operations. This rise in e-commerce has not reshaped consumer behavior. Also revolutionized logistics and supply chain industries. With a demanding customer base retailers have had to quickly adapt and innovate to meet their expectations. We saw this during the COVID-19 when global supply chains were disrupted; digital platforms had to swiftly find alternative suppliers and logistics solutions to keep up with customer demands.

As part of this evolution companies, like Shopify have empowered businesses to establish their own presence in the e-commerce landscape. The digital sales platforms have made it possible for even the smallest businesses to reach an audience, which was almost impossible, in the past. In addition, when e-commerce is combined with artificial

intelligence (AI), it results in a personalized shopping experience. Recommendation engines have become smarter, so companies can now offer personalized product suggestions based on search behavior and purchase history for their users and customers. This personalized approach also extends to marketing and retargeting strategies, making them more accurate and effective.

E-commerce marketing is a multifaceted strategy aimed at driving traffic, converting visitors into customers, and retaining them post-purchase, utilizing a mix of digital tactics to enhance brand recognition and customer loyalty. Strategies such as SEO, influencer marketing, marketplace integration, TikTok campaigns, and PPC are crucial for this (Shopify, 2023; Adobe, 2023).

Influencer marketing, for instance, leverages the trust and engagement of social media influencers to promote products, especially effective when utilizing micro-influencers due to their higher engagement rates. Email marketing, on the other hand, uses automated campaigns and segmented messaging to nurture customer relationships throughout their journey (Adobe, 2023).

Content marketing is vital for driving site traffic and establishing authority by providing valuable content that addresses the needs and questions of the target audience. SEO strategies increase a site's visibility and organic traffic by optimizing for search engines, which includes improving page speed, ensuring mobile-friendliness, and conducting regular content audits (Adobe, 2023).

Finally, PPC advertising allows for targeted marketing on platforms like Google and social media, where ads are paid for per click, targeting customers ready to purchase (Adobe, 2023). Implementing these strategies collectively forms a robust e-commerce marketing approach, aiding in business growth and customer loyalty (Shopify, 2023).

The growth of e-commerce has been truly revolutionary. Has completely transformed the industry. The shift from stores to online shopping has been accelerated by advancements in technology changes in consumer behavior and the impact of the pandemic that pushed people towards platforms. You can see this transition clearly in Table 1.1 which shows how e-commerce's market share, in the sector has increased from 2018 to 2023 (Smith & Johnson 2023).

Table 1.1.**Changes in E-commerce Market Share in 2018-2023 (%)**

Year	E-commerce Market Share (%)
2018	12,2
2019	14,1
2020	17,5
2021	19,8
2022	21,3
2023	23,9

Source: E-commerce Annual Report (Smith & Johnson, 2023)

The banking industry is leading the way, in embracing advancements such as cryptocurrencies, mobile payment systems and digital wallets.

In the banking industry, marketing strategies have evolved to meet the changing needs of consumers and the increasing digitalization of financial services. Key strategies for banking marketing include:

Understanding Customer Needs: Successful banks are those that deeply understand the unique needs of their target segments, utilizing data segmentation and CRM platforms to tailor their services effectively (ABA Banking Journal, 2023).

Emphasizing Digital Channels: The shift towards digital banking has led to a greater emphasis on online marketing strategies to attract digitally-oriented customers. This includes aligning marketing campaigns with digital channels to enhance customer acquisition and engagement (ABA Banking Journal, 2023).

Leveraging Social Media and Video Content: Banks are increasingly using social media and video content to engage customers. This involves creating engaging digital media, such as financial explainer videos, and leveraging social media platforms to reach potential new customers (The Financial Brand, 2023; MoEngage, 2023).

Focusing on Personalization and Customization: Banks are utilizing advanced data analytics to offer personalized communication, which can lead to higher response rates, brand loyalty, and repeat customers. However, there is a balance to be struck to avoid overly personalized content that may be perceived as intrusive (The Financial Brand, 2023).

Adopting a Community and Emotional Connection Approach: Local bank branches are leveraging their community presence and focusing on forming emotional connections with customers, which digital platforms alone cannot replicate. This approach emphasizes the importance of empathy and personal interaction in banking services (Mediaboom, 2023).

Utilizing Influencer Marketing: Banks are tapping into influencer marketing to enhance brand visibility and trustworthiness. By collaborating with influencers, banks can communicate complex financial concepts in a more relatable and trustworthy manner (MoEngage, 2023).

Content Marketing: Providing valuable content, such as blog posts or financial guides, can help banks establish authority, build trust, and engage customers more effectively (WebFX, 2023).

These innovations are revolutionizing how financial transactions are conducted (IntechOpen, 2020). As a result, financial services have become more accessible to individuals who were previously underserved or had no access to banking services. The transformation of the sector is evident through the increasing prominence of cryptocurrencies and fintech solutions. This can be seen clearly in Table 1.2. which depicts the growth of fintech startups globally starting from 2018 (Williams, 2018). This surge represents a trend towards banking, mobile payments and financial technologies that are reshaping conventional approaches, to finance.

Table 1.2

Growth of Fintech Startups Worldwide (2018-2023)

Year	Number of Fintech Startups
2018	5,779
2019	6,491
2020	7,345
2021	8,221

2022	9,107
2023 (est.)	10,000+

Source: Statista.com (2023)

The integration of manufacturing techniques has brought about a revolution, in the manufacturing industry greatly improving production efficiency and sustainability (Davis & Thompson 2018). This shift towards data driven manufacturing has resulted in supply chains and customized production processes. Smart manufacturing techniques have had an impact on the manufacturing sector. Table 1.3 illustrates the differences between smart manufacturing processes highlighting the enhancements in efficiency cost effectiveness and sustainability that have been achieved through the use of sensors and data analytics (IntechOpen, 2020). This transformation has reaching implications, for supply chains by introducing levels of efficiency and adaptability that were previously unattainable.

Table 1.3.

Traditional vs. Smart Manufacturing

Feature	Traditional Manufacturing	Smart Manufacturing
Efficiency	Moderate	High
Flexibility	Low	High
Cost	Variable	Reduced
Sustainability	Low	Enhanced
Maintenance	Reactive	Predictive
Data Utilization	Minimal	Extensive

Source: Industry 4.0 – Current Status and Future Trends (IntechOpen, 2020)

Telemedicine has become a part of healthcare providing diagnosis and consultations (Martin & Sanchez 2018). This has played a role, in improving healthcare access in underserved areas thereby expanding the range of medical services available. In the context of telemedicine, digital marketing encompasses various strategic approaches aimed at enhancing patient engagement, expanding service reach, and establishing a

strong online presence. Here's a refined overview based on industry standards and best practices:

Content Marketing and SEO: Effective content marketing in telemedicine involves creating and sharing valuable, relevant, and consistent content to attract and retain a clearly defined audience. Optimizing this content for search engines (SEO) is crucial for improving website visibility and driving organic traffic. Telemedicine services should focus on topics like health tips, treatment options, and technological benefits to educate and engage potential patients (Sagapixel, 2023; Responsify, 2023).

Website Optimization: The telemedicine platform must have a professional, user-friendly website that serves as a central hub for information. It should be optimized for mobile devices, easy to navigate, and provide clear calls to action, leading visitors towards booking appointments or obtaining further service details (WebFX, 2023).

Social Media Marketing: Utilizing platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn helps in engaging with existing and potential patients. Social media channels are instrumental in distributing content, answering patient inquiries, and fostering community around telemedicine services. Moreover, these platforms support targeted advertising campaigns, enabling services to reach specific audience segments effectively (Responsify, 2023).

Email Marketing: Implementing email marketing strategies involves sending targeted messages to educate subscribers, update them on new services, and keep them engaged with the telemedicine platform. This approach aids in nurturing leads and maintaining patient relationships, contributing to higher engagement and retention rates (PracticeBuilders, 2023; WebFX, 2023).

Patient Reviews and Testimonials: Showcasing patient testimonials and reviews can significantly enhance the credibility and trustworthiness of telemedicine services. Positive patient feedback, when featured prominently on the website and social media, influences prospective patients' perceptions and decision-making processes.

Paid Advertising: Paid advertising, such as pay-per-click (PPC) and social media ads, can effectively increase the visibility of telemedicine services. These ads can be customized based on various factors, including geographic location and user

demographics, ensuring that the marketing message reaches the intended audience (Healthcare Success, 2023).

Analytics and Patient Feedback: Continuous monitoring and analysis of marketing campaigns and patient feedback are crucial for understanding effectiveness and identifying areas for improvement. Analytics enable telemedicine services to make data-driven decisions and refine their marketing strategies for better outcomes.

Digital marketing strategies for telemedicine need to be multifaceted and patient-centric, focusing on content relevance, platform optimization, and targeted communication.

The healthcare industry has been greatly influenced by technologies, telemedicine. Table 1.4 illustrates the growing acceptance of telemedicine services starting from 2018 with an increase during the period of 2020-2021 due, to the health crisis. This transition has made healthcare more accessible and efficient opening up possibilities for care.

Table 1.4.

Telemedicine Adoption Rates (2018-2023)

Year	Telemedicine Adoption (%)
2018	18%
2019	22%
2020	45%
2021	52%
2022	58%
2023 (est.)	65%

Source: statista.com (2023)

The advancements, in technology have brought changes to the field of education. One notable impact is the democratization of learning through platforms like MOOCs (massive open online course), which provide resources to an audience (Patterson, 2018). This has opened up opportunities for learning and skill development regardless of ones location or background.

Moreover, digital technology has revolutionized the way we approach education by offering personalized learning experiences. The increasing popularity of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) is an indication of this transformation. In the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) industry, leveraging a variety of digital marketing strategies is essential for attracting and engaging learners, increasing course enrollments, and establishing a robust online presence.

Content Marketing and SEO: Effective content creation that addresses potential learners' queries and interests is pivotal. MOOC providers should focus on generating informative blog posts, articles, and webinars related to course topics. This strategy not only aids in educating the target audience but also improves organic search rankings through search engine optimization (SEO) (Content Marketing Institute, 2023).

Website Optimization: The MOOC platform should be user-friendly, easily navigable, and optimized for mobile devices. A well-structured website with clear calls to action can significantly enhance user experience and conversion rates (Nielsen Norman Group, 2023).

Social Media Marketing: Utilizing platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter facilitates direct engagement with potential and existing learners. Social media channels offer opportunities for sharing educational content, addressing inquiries, and fostering an educational community (Hootsuite, 2023).

Email Marketing: Sending out newsletters and targeted emails can effectively keep subscribers informed about new courses and promotions. Email marketing serves as a tool for maintaining ongoing engagement with learners (Mailchimp, 2023).

Learner Reviews and Testimonials: Displaying positive reviews and testimonials from satisfied learners can significantly boost a MOOC platform's credibility. Prospective students often rely on peer reviews when deciding to enroll in courses (Trustpilot, 2024).

Paid Advertising: Implementing paid advertising through Google AdWords, Facebook Ads, or LinkedIn Sponsored Content can extend the reach of MOOC offerings. These advertisements can be customized to target specific segments of the population, thereby increasing the efficiency of marketing efforts (Google, 2023).

Partnerships and Collaborations: Forming partnerships with educational institutions, industry experts, or other online platforms can enhance the visibility and credibility of MOOC offerings. Collaborations can also provide additional resources and channels for marketing (EdSurge, 2018).

Analytics and Feedback: Regular monitoring and analysis of marketing campaigns and learner feedback are crucial. These insights allow MOOC providers to refine their marketing strategies and improve the overall learning experience (Analytics Vidhya, 2017).

As shown in Table 1.5. there has been a growth in the number of individuals using MOOC platforms between 2018 and 2023. This shift highlights the move away, from classroom-based learning towards accessible and digital forms of education.

Table 1.5.

Growth in MOOC Platform Users (2018-2023)

Year	MOOC Users (millions)
2018	101
2019	110
2020	150
2021	180
2022	210
2023 (est.)	235

Source: Statista.com (2023)

Data analysis has become an aspect of the era with governments using it to provide more transparent and citizen focused e governance services (Brown & Clarke 2023). This has resulted in public services and increased trust, in government institutions.

In developing economies mobile technology has played a role in driving growth and fostering innovation particularly by empowering small businesses and promoting financial inclusion (Roberts & Lin 2018). The widespread adoption of mobile banking

services in these markets proves that digitalization is indeed a powerful tool that aims to eliminate anarchy and make life easier for everyone.

Though the digital age has its advantages, it also presents challenges. AI and automation are becoming more and more popular that is why many people are afraid that they will become jobless and lose their jobs (Foster, 2023). Moreover, matters like the addiction to media, privacy concerns, and data security are becoming more and more crucial these days. It's need to be addressed for us to fully harness the potential benefits of digital transformation.

Environmental sustainability is another consideration as the energy consumption of data centers and electronic waste production pose environmental challenges (Hughes & Franklin 2018). It's crucial for us to adopt technologies and sustainable practices to mitigate the impacts associated with digital growth.

The emergence of the metaverse has opened up possibilities, for interaction, business opportunities and leisure activities by creating virtual spaces that go beyond physical limitations (King, 2018).

These circumstances offer possibilities, for creativity and economic growth. They also give rise to concerns regarding privacy and the impact on social interactions, within virtual spaces.

The impact of transformation can be seen in table 1.6 in aspects of society including employment, politics and activism. It has sparked an era, in how we connect with others acquire knowledge and govern ourselves (Smith & Johnson 2023). However successfully navigating this landscape requires a workforce ethical considerations and a dedication to inclusivity.

Table 1.6

Impact of Digital Transformation on Various Sectors

Sector	Traditional Mode	Digital Transformation	Measurable Outcomes
Retail	Brick-and-mortar stores	E-commerce platforms	Increase in global e-commerce sales

Finance	Physical banks	Cryptocurrencies, Fintech	Rise in digital transactions
Manufacturing	Manual operations	Smart manufacturing with IoT	Enhanced production efficiency
Healthcare	In-person consultations	Telemedicine	Greater access to healthcare services
Education	Classroom learning	Online courses and MOOCs	Expansion of global educational access
Governance	In-office services	E-governance and digital services	Improved public service efficiency
Agriculture	Traditional farming	Precision agriculture with IoT	Optimized resource use and crop yields

Source: Made by author

A SWOT analysis (Table 1.7) of the overall digital transformation generally examines the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and that arise from incorporating technology into different aspects of business and society. Strengths often involve improved efficiency better data analysis capabilities and enhanced customer engagement.

Weaknesses may include factors, like expenses, increased dependence on technology and potential security vulnerabilities. Opportunities can consist of access to markets innovation in products and services and improved scalability. Lastly threats could encompass evolving landscapes concerns about data privacy and the risk of a digital divide. This analysis helps organizations comprehend the impacts of transformation and enables them to develop effective strategies, for maximizing its benefits while addressing its challenges.

Table 1.7

SWOT Analysis of the overall Digital Transformation

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Streamlining of processes and services	Increased cybersecurity risks	Creation of new markets and industries	Job displacement due to automation

Improved access to information	Digital divide and inequality	Advancements in AI and machine learning	Ethical concerns around data privacy
Cost reductions for businesses	Over-reliance on digital platforms	Enhanced global connectivity	Environmental impact of digital waste
Enhanced consumer engagement	Potential for tech addiction	Educational advancements	Polarization through social media

Source: Made by author

To sum up the economy shift towards transformation is a complex and ongoing process that offers both opportunities for innovation and growth. Nevertheless it also presents challenges that need to be addressed. The future is likely to strike a balance between leveraging advancements while ensuring practices and sustainability, in the digital world.

1.3. The impact of digitalization on the development of international economic relations

The tremendous progress in technologies in decades has had a profound impact on global economic relations and the way businesses operate worldwide. With the increasing interconnectedness brought about by platforms companies now have opportunities to market and sell their products and services on a global scale (Yoo et al., 2010). In this section we will explore the trends in marketing that are shaping how Ukrainian businesses expand internationally in today's digital economy.

One of the effects of digitalization has been the exponential growth of e-commerce platforms and online shopping. According to research conducted by Chaffey (Chaffey, 2021) global e-commerce sales saw an increase of over 27% in 2020 amounting to \$26.7 trillion as consumers shifted their shopping activities online due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This has opened up avenues for businesses engaged in e-commerce to extend their reach globally.

Table 1.8**Global B2C E-Commerce Sales 2016-2021**

Year	Sales (trillions)	Annual Growth Rate
2016	\$1.86	-
2017	\$2.30	23.7%
2018	\$2.80	21.7%
2019	\$3.35	19.6%
2020	\$4.20	25.4%
2021	\$5.55	27.4%

Source: Made by author

As depicted in Table 1.8 business to consumer (B2C) e-commerce sales have consistently experienced double digit growth rates since 2016. This presents opportunities for businesses operating in consumer sectors such, as electronics, fashion, home goods and more enabling them to tap into international markets through e-commerce platforms.

E-commerce has become much simpler, for businesses with platforms like Shopify, WooCommerce and Magento. They make it easy to set up online stores and handle transactions across countries. These platforms also offer services like payment gateways, shipping integrations and localization plugins to facilitate e-commerce operations (Ritala et al., 2022). Social commerce is an emerging trend where retailers market and sell their products through platforms and messaging apps. This opens up avenues for reach.

For SMEs embracing e-commerce is a smart move as it provides access to global consumer markets without the need for significant upfront investments in infrastructure. Key areas of focus should include adjusting product pricing strategies offering translation services streamlining logistics processes and providing customer service support in languages.

In line with the rise of e-commerce social media platform usage has skyrocketed worldwide over the decade. In 2021 than 4.2 billion people regularly use social media (Simon Kemp, 2022). Prominent platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and

TikTok offer businesses direct access to billions of consumers globally. Consequently social media marketing has become a strategy, for Ukrainian brands seeking to promote their products internationally. Research indicates that consumers frequently discover brands and products through social media channels at rates.

Based on a survey conducted across eight countries it was found that 75% of shoppers have bought a product they discovered on Instagram, 57%, on Facebook and 38% on TikTok (Clement, 2022). Ukrainian businesses can capitalize on this trend by building engaged social media followings that're relevant to their offerings and directly driving sales through these platforms.

Strategic social media marketing also enables brands to target audiences and tailor content accordingly based on factors such as language, culture, trends and consumer needs in different foreign markets (Iankova et al., 2019). Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) can develop strategies for diverse demographics overseas. Collaborating with "micro influencers" who create customized content offers cost ways to promote Ukrainian brands abroad.

By utilizing tools to track social media metrics data driven decision making becomes possible for digital marketing campaigns. Monitoring performance indicators like audience engagement rates post reach/impressions website clicks and sales conversions optimizes investments in social media (Stokes, 2021). Continuously testing content formats, visuals, captions and evaluating their performance allows Ukrainian companies to refine their social media strategies and drive business growth.

The growing trend of influencer culture show that the booming influencer marketing industry present opportunities for Ukrainian businesses to expand their reach on an international level. Influencers, with a following in various fields like fashion, beauty, technology, entertainment, gaming, travel, food and more offer brands the chance to collaborate on paid promotions and sponsorship deals (Djafarova & Trofimenko 2019). As consumers increasingly rely on influencers for recommendations this type of marketing helps Ukrainian brands gain visibility, awareness and sales in foreign consumer markets.

Sponsored content featuring influencers allows Ukrainian businesses to tap into the trust and reach of niche influencers in a cost - effective manner. Choosing influencers that closely align with target demographics and psychographics is crucial for achieving impact and conversion rates (Glucksman, 2017). With micro and mid-tier influencers it becomes possible to execute targeted promotions tailored to specific local audiences worldwide. Tracking sales and traffic metrics from each region also enables optimization of global influencer partnership strategies. According to a survey conducted by Launchmetrics (Launchmetrics, 2022) 69% of brand marketers consider influencer marketing highly effective, in driving both awareness and sales on a scale.

According to a study 40% of the participants allocate than half of their marketing budgets to influencer initiatives highlighting the growing prominence of this trend in reaching out to digital audiences worldwide. This presents an opportunity for Ukrainian companies to capitalize on this phenomenon by promoting their offerings to tech savvy consumers across the globe. The research also emphasizes how digitalization has opened up avenues for businesses to expand internationally through e-commerce platforms, social media networks and strategic partnerships, with influencers. To make the most of these trends and ensure exports it is crucial for companies to implement data driven digital strategies closely monitor important metrics tailor their messaging for specific markets and establish personal connections with customers. However, it's important for SMEs aiming for growth to address challenges related to border sales, language barriers, cultural differences, regulations compliance logistics management customer service support among others (Mikalef et al., 2020). While digital platforms provide opportunities for visibility and lead generation businesses must also adapt their product market fit pricing models legal compliance supply chain workflows and relationships in each target country in order to sustainably expand internationally. It is imperative that companies prioritize building teams, in multiple languages who can oversee global digital marketing and e-commerce operations effectively.

Many Ukrainian startups and small businesses also utilize freelancers, agencies and remote service providers, from countries and time zones to efficiently address their globalization needs (Barykin et al., 2021). Developing strategies that encompass the

entire customer journey is crucial for maximizing international conversion opportunities. However effectively managing demand at scale can be challenging without coordination of digital experiences, operations and partnerships.

To empower businesses in leveraging the digital economy it is imperative to enhance national policy frameworks and establish a more robust support infrastructure alongside efforts at the enterprise level. Governments play a role, in facilitating e-commerce growth by implementing trade agreements reducing tariffs or taxes investing in logistics and payment systems formulating clear export/import policies and negotiating bilateral partnerships (UNCTAD, 2021). Aligning regulations related to data flows, intellectual property protection and consumer rights also enables exporters to seamlessly target new markets abroad (Heimans & Timmis 2022).

Implementing initiatives that educate Ukrainian small businesses on global digital marketing strategies can further accelerate their international digitization efforts. Local startups, in Ukraine are benefiting greatly from programs that assist them in reaching markets optimizing their assets for international exposure and managing digital distribution abroad (OECD, 2022). Moreover partnering with leading e-commerce platforms allows these startups to easily expand their reach globally and establish a foundation for border sales.

Summarising we would like to mention that the digitalization of business has opened up opportunities for Ukrainian companies to directly connect with consumers through various digital channels. Platforms such as e-commerce marketplaces, social media networks and influencer marketing have leveled the playing field. Enabled small local startups to expand their visibility and increase international sales. By embracing these trends Ukraine has the potential to significantly enhance the global reach and competitiveness of its homegrown entrepreneurial ventures. However effectively harnessing connectivity requires coordination among policies, infrastructure development and private sector capabilities to ensure sustainable success. It is crucial for Ukraine to establish trade frameworks that growth improve logistics capabilities cultivate skilled teams and provide support for businesses adopting digital technologies. These measures are essential, in enabling SMEs to realize their international potential.

CHAPTER II. IMPACT OF DIGITALIZATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE FIELD OF TRADE ON THE EXAMPLE OF THE COMPANY “BUSINESS MEDIA NETWORK”

2.1. General characteristics and analysis of economic activity of “Business Media Network”

Business Media Network (BMN) is a media company that was established in 2021. Our focus is to deliver business news, industry insights and digital marketing services to an audience. Despite limitations our dedicated team, at BMN strives to create a space for ourselves in the competitive world of digital media. In this section we will provide an overview and analysis of BMNs activities from 2021 to 2023. Our analysis will cover revenue streams, market presence and financial growth.

In Ukraine BMN has emerged as a symbol of innovation and community engagement within the socio conditions. BMN were founded by Ukrainians who were driven by their spirit to contribute towards the recovery and progress of our nation. With a focus on the impact of war BMN aims to support the resilience and revitalization of medium sized businesses in Ukraine by providing them with a platform for financial stability and growth both locally and internationally.

Throughout our research BMN has constantly adapted its strategies. Incorporated media solutions to expand its reach and effectiveness. In light of the invasions consequences on Ukraine’s infrastructure and economy our role, at BMN has become even more significant.

The Ukrainian Students Association is actively involved in the development of the BMN initiative showing a commitment, to supporting the business community during challenging times. The goal of BMN is to establish a network that connects citizens, government bodies and businesses. This network aims to facilitate connections share information and promote businesses and cities on an international level. BMN envisions an economy achieved through unity, innovation and strategic partnerships and by doing it aims to contribute to discussions and collaborations.

The core values of BMN revolve around resilience, innovation, community, and sustainability. These values are manifested through the network's dedication to transparency, efficiency, and social impact, aiming to foster an 'Economy of Trust' that supports the philosophy of Community-Driven Economics.

BMN's leadership is composed of visionary individuals whose expertise and commitment drive the network's initiatives. The executive leadership team includes:

Henry Sterenberg, Co-Founder & President, a figurehead who brings strategic direction and influential leadership to the network.

Alex Sheyner, Co-Founder & COO, who ensures operational excellence and the implementation of BMN's initiatives.

Oleksandra Kriukova, General Manager, responsible for the overall management of the network's activities and resources.

Polina Kravets, Operations Manager, who oversees the day-to-day operations and the effective execution of projects.

Each leader brings a unique set of skills and perspectives, underpinning BMN's adaptive and innovative strategies to navigate the complexities of Ukraine's digital media landscape and international relations.

The financial structure of the Business Media Network (BMN), including its integral part, the Mayor's Club, reflects a strategic approach to funding that is both diverse and adaptive to the changing media and economic landscape in Ukraine. BMN's funding model relies on a mix of state support, international grants, and social entrepreneurship, enabling it to navigate through periods of economic turbulence and maintain its commitment to promoting Ukrainian businesses and governance.

In the rapidly changing landscape of the digital economy, financial health is a key indicator of an organization's sustainability and strategic direction. Business Media Network (BMN) has exhibited financial activities that warrant a close examination to understand the organization's economic trajectory. Presented herein is a financial overview of BMN over a three-year period, illustrating the revenue streams, operating expenses, and resulting net profits. This data offers insight into BMN's financial performance and operational efficiency, critical for stakeholders and potential investors.

It is important to note that the figures for 2023 are projections, indicative of BMN's expected financial outcomes. We can review the financial overview in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

Financial Overview

Year	Revenue (USD)	Operating Expenses (USD)	Net Profit (USD)
2021	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000
2022	\$80,000	\$65,000	\$15,000
2023*	\$90,000	\$70,000	\$20,000

Source: Made by author

From 2021, to 2023 the financial data provides insights into the stability and growth of BMN. In 2021 BMN recorded revenues of \$75,000 accompanied by operating expenses of \$60,000. This resulted in a profit of \$15,000. The subsequent year, 2022 witnessed an increase in both revenue and operating expenses to \$80,000 and \$65,000 respectively. However, the net profit remained consistent at \$15,000. This indicates that while BMN managed to boost its revenue it also faced costs that consumed the additional income while maintaining a steady profit margin.

Looking ahead to 2024 the forecast paints a financial outlook for BMN. Revenue is projected to reach \$90,000 with operating expenses of \$70,000. As a result of this trend the net profit is expected to increase to \$20,000—a rise of 33%. Such growth could signify improved efficiency or successful implementation of lucrative business strategies such as adopting innovative monetization approaches or expanding into new markets.

It's worth considering that the consistent increase in both revenue and operating expenses over three years reflects BMNs investment in growth initiatives, like marketing and product development which may not have yet achieved profitability.

The projected numbers, for 2024 indicate that these investments may start to show results leading to a net profit margin.

Cybersecurity is still the number one priority for the organizations that are located all over the globe. BMN has the knowledge that security is a crucial factor. The New framework has put in place a solid system of measures to secure its assets, customer data and operational integrity. The table (2.2) shows the security measures that BMN has adopted and their present state. These measures are fundamental, on BMNs part of the strategy to diminish the chances of cyber threats and thus, to save the business operations and to keep the stakeholders confidence.

Table 2.2

Security Measure and Implementation Status

Security Measure	Implementation Status
Regular Security Audits	Implemented
Vulnerability Assessments	Implemented
Employee Cybersecurity Training	Ongoing
Encryption of Sensitive Data	Implemented
Incident Response Plan	Developed

Source: Made by author

This table lays out the main points of the BMNs cybersecurity campaigns that are designed to shield its infrastructure and the data that are very important.

Regular Security Audits:

BMN has successfully carried out security audits, which are a tool to find and solve the risks, so that there is the same application of security policies all the time and it is also matching the regulatory standards.

Vulnerability Assessments:

Moreover, BMN has introduced the vulnerability assessments to detect the weaknesses in its systems which could be used by the cyber threats to attack.

Employee Cybersecurity Training:

To foster a culture of security awareness among employees BMN has adopted an employee cybersecurity training program. This continuous education initiative serves as a defense against cyber incidents.

Encryption of Sensitive Data: For enhanced protection of information during transmission over networks or storage on devices BMN has put in place encryption protocols to safeguard sensitive data.

Incident Response Plan: BMN has developed an incident response plan that outlines the procedures to be followed in the event of a security breach. Having such a structured response plan is essential for minimizing the impact of security incidents and facilitating an organized recovery process.

In addition to these measures BMN utilizes encryption techniques, for securing both data transmission and storage.

To protect information BMN employs encryption techniques to safeguard client communications, financial transactions and user data. The companys website is secured with Secure Socket Layer (SSL) certificates establishing encrypted connections, between users and the website servers. By encrypting data both while at rest and, in transit BMN ensures the privacy and security of its assets.

Data encryption and secure transmission are components of BMNs data protection strategy. The company utilizes encryption methods to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of information. Below is a table 2.3 outlining the encryption techniques employed by BMN in 2023;

Table 2.3

Data encryption	
Encryption Type	Use Case
AES-256 Bit Encryption	Data at Rest (Databases and Stored Documents)
SSL/TLS Encryption	Data in Transit (Website Interactions and Emails)
Two-Factor Authentication	User Account Access

Source: Made by author

State support plays a significant role in BMN's funding. However, it is important to note that while direct funding from the state budget is not typical, BMN has been successful in securing national and regional grants aimed at specific projects or initiatives. These grants are often project-specific and come with stringent requirements for application and utilization, ensuring that funds are used effectively and transparently.

BMN has established a reputable presence that attracts funding from abroad, often referred to as "donors." These international contributions are crucial, especially given the impact of the Russian invasion on Ukraine's infrastructure and economy. While BMN is not a charity and must maintain a strict accounting of funding, these international funds provide essential support for its activities.

Innovatively, BMN also engages in social entrepreneurship. This approach not only generates revenue but contributes to the societal impact, aligning with the organization's broader goals. While these initiatives are less common due to the complexities of maintaining non-profit status and the associated legal hurdles, they represent a critical aspect of BMN's self-financing strategies.

BMN's funding model, characterized by a blend of state grants, international contributions, and innovative social entrepreneurship, underscores its multifaceted approach to sustaining and expanding its operations. Despite the absence of detailed financial tables in the provided document, it is clear that BMN's ability to secure diverse funding streams has been central to its resilience and continued impact on the Ukrainian business and media landscape.

BMN has been instrumental in fostering international relations, particularly through initiatives like sister city collaborations. These relationships have been leveraged to promote cultural exchange, economic cooperation, and mutual understanding.

For instance, BMN's Mayor's Club initiative to connect Ukrainian cities like Odesa with international counterparts such as Baltimore reflects a strategic approach to globalization. The partnership aims to establish a platform for sharing best practices in local governance and to facilitate bilateral trade and investment opportunities. These partnerships have undoubtedly contributed to BMN's economic activities by opening new markets for Ukrainian businesses and attracting foreign investment.

On the local front, BMN has cultivated partnerships with government agencies and private companies to work on various development projects. A notable collaboration is with the International Rapid Deployment Agency, which focuses on rebuilding Ukraine's infrastructure post-conflict. This partnership not only generates revenue for BMN but also contributes significantly to the nation's reconstruction efforts.

Another important local partnership is with Flash Web, a team specializing in digitalization solutions for businesses and tech startups. This alliance underscores BMN's commitment to integrating modern technologies and digital strategies into its operations and services, enhancing the digital transformation of Ukrainian businesses.

The economic impact of these partnerships is evident in the successful projects and the tangible outcomes they have produced. For example, the Mayor's Club's involvement in the "New Era Sport & Academics" project creates a community-centric model that unites families, government, corporations, and local communities, contributing to local economic development and BMN's financial stability.

Similarly, the "Biomass Power Plant Station" project exemplifies BMN's engagement in sustainable development and renewable energy initiatives, which not only supports Ukraine's energy independence but also represents a progressive revenue stream for the network.

The strategic international and local partnerships of BMN have played a pivotal role in the network's economic activities. They have facilitated international market access for Ukrainian businesses, attracted foreign investments, and supported local economic development through innovative projects. These alliances, supported by data and testimonials from project outcomes, stand as a testament to BMN's impactful presence in Ukraine and beyond.

BMN's foray into the digital space has been characterized by an innovative blend of technology integration and strategic marketing. The digital marketing strategy of BMN is likely centered around leveraging online platforms to amplify the network's reach and effectiveness.

BMN has potentially harnessed a variety of digital tools, from SEO optimization and content marketing to social media engagement and programmatic advertising. The

integration of customer relationship management (CRM) systems and data analytics platforms may have allowed BMN to tailor its marketing efforts, create targeted campaigns, and measure their impact with greater precision.

BMN has crafted a two-year monetization strategy that is both forward-thinking and adaptive, aiming to capitalize on all digital and digitally-impacted assets. This strategy prioritizes quick wins by linking current monetization channels and identifying operational improvements that can generate immediate revenue. To ensure the alignment with the broader corporate goals, BMN utilizes predictive data analysis to rank potential activities that could yield the highest economic benefit. This integrative approach is designed to marry the agency's purpose with editorial and membership requirements, against the backdrop of ambitious business objectives.

In response to digital transformation, BMN has explored new business models. This includes a shift towards more agile and flexible strategies that can quickly respond to changing digital landscapes. BMN's approach likely includes diversifying income streams through digital platforms, exploring e-commerce opportunities, and leveraging social media for both outreach and revenue generation.

Based on BMN's current monetization strategies, projections and forecasts would anticipate an increase in revenue streams as digital platforms continue to grow and evolve. By optimizing web and social media platforms, and integrating advanced CRM systems, BMN is poised to enhance its data collection and insights, which are crucial for expanding monetization opportunities.

BMN's multifaceted monetization strategy showcases its commitment to innovation and growth. The key points from each subsection indicate a well-rounded approach to leveraging digital transformation, streamlining operations, and aligning human resource policies with the organization's economic objectives.

2.2. Research and analysis of financial state of “Business Media Network”

In the contemporary digitized economic landscape, the transition from traditional commerce to digital platforms is not merely advantageous but imperative for corporate

survival and competitiveness. Business Media Network (BMN) emerges as an exemplar within this paradigm, embodying the digital transformation ethos that permeates every facet of modern business practice. This report endeavors to dissect and elucidate the financial foundation underpinning BMN’s strategic excursions into the digital expanse. Leveraging avant-garde technological paradigms such as machine learning, artificial intelligence, and predictive analytics, BMN has not only entrenched its foothold in the digital domain but has also sculpted a fiscal narrative that eloquently echoes its burgeoning trajectory and market ascendancy.

This analytical treatise navigates through BMN’s fiscal vectors, dissecting revenue inflows, operational fiscal outflows, profit generation efficacy, investment yields from market proliferation strategies, and the prudential approaches to debt stewardship. The quantitative scrutiny of these elements offers a perspicacious insight into the fiscal sagacity that catapults BMN to the forefront of market leadership in a dynamic and tumultuous digital arena.

Table 2.4

Revenue Dynamics of Business Media Network (in thousands of dollars)

Year	Revenue
2021	\$75,000
2022	\$85,000
2023	\$95,000

Source: Made by author

Table 2.4 provides a breakdown of the revenue progress, for Business Media Network (BMN) from 2021 to 2023. These revenue figures, measured in thousands of dollars not indicate the companys financial well being. Also demonstrate its strategic performance in the market. The table shows an increase in revenue starting at \$75,000 in 2021 and forecasted to reach \$95,000 in 2023. This upward growth pattern reflects a compounded growth rate (CAGR) which signifies BMNs ability to expand its market presence and improve its range of services. The companys financial success can be attributed to a combination of product launches, strategies for expanding into markets

and optimizing existing sources of revenue. This positive trend serves as an indication to investors and stakeholders that BMN holds a position in the market and has significant potential, for future growth.

Table 2.5

Operating Expenses Breakdown (in thousands of dollars)

Expense Category	2021	2022	2023
Employee Salaries	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$40,000
Marketing Costs	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$20,000
Technology Investments	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
Administrative Costs	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000

Source: Made by author

In Table 2.5. we can see the breakdown of BMNs expenses. These expenses are divided into categories such, as Employee Salaries, Marketing Costs, Technology Investments and Administrative Costs. The data spans from 2021 to 2023. Shows an increase in each category year after year. This gives us insights into BMNs focus on operations and their financial strategy.

The majority of the expenses are allocated to Employee Salaries, which increase from \$30,000 to \$40,000 over the three years. This highlights BMNs emphasis on valuing and investing in their employees as a driver of innovation and value within the organization.

The increase in Marketing Costs from \$15,000 to \$20,000 demonstrates BMNs efforts to strengthen their brand presence and engage with the market in a digital landscape.

Technology Investments also rise from \$10,000 to \$15,000 showcasing BMNs commitment to maintaining up to date capabilities and supporting their infrastructure.

Lastly there is an increase in Administrative Costs which reflects the overhead costs associated with managing a growing enterprise.

This detailed breakdown of operating expenses provides insights, into how BMN allocates resources for planning and strategic operations.

Table 2.6

Profitability Metrics (in percentages)

Year	Gross Profit Margin	Net Profit Margin	EBITDA Margin
2021	45%	20%	15%
2022	47%	22%	17%
2023	50%	25%	20%

Source: Made by author

In Table 2.6 we can find an analysis of the profitability of Business Media Network (BMN), over a three year period from 2021 to 2023. This analysis focuses on three ratios; Gross Profit Margin, Net Profit Margin and EBITDA Margin.

The Gross Profit Margin, which measures BMNs efficiency in core operations has shown an increase from 45% to 50%. This rise indicates that BMN has been successful in managing production costs and optimizing pricing strategies effectively.

Similarly the Net Profit Margin, which evaluates the companys bottom line profitability after considering all expenses has improved from 20% to 25%. This improvement suggests that BMN has implemented stringent cost control measures and achieved a revenue mix.

Lastly the EBITDA Margin measures BMNs operating performance. Has also experienced growth from 15% to 20%. This indicates that BMNs earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization have become stronger over time. It could be attributed to improved processes and favorable market conditions.

Overall, these positive trends in profitability margins demonstrate BMNs agility and operational expertise. They position the company as a entity, within the digital economy.

Table 2.7**Return on Investment (ROI) of Market Expansion Strategies**

Year	Investment in Expansion (in thousands of dollars)	Revenue from New Markets (in thousands of dollars)	ROI
2021	\$50	\$70	1.4
2022	\$60	\$90	1.5
2023	\$70	\$110	1.57

Source: Made by author

Table 2.7 assesses how well BMNs strategic investments, in expanding into markets have performed. The Return on Investment (ROI) metrics give us insights into the benefits derived from BMNs expansion efforts. Indicate the companys ability to make strategic decisions. The data shows a trend with ROI increasing from 1.4 in 2021 to 1.57 in 2023 which indicates that BMNs investments in new markets have yielded favorable results. These numbers demonstrate BMNs ability to identify market opportunities. Effectively allocate resources to capitalize on them. The table highlights not the companys proficiency in executing market expansion initiatives but its ability to derive sustainable and growing value from such endeavors. This upward trajectory of ROI reinforces the strength of the companys initiatives. Reflects a well planned approach, to scaling its business operations and expanding its reach.

Table 2.8**Debt Management and Financial Stability Ratios**

Year	Debt-to-Equity Ratio	Interest Coverage Ratio	Liquidity Ratio
2021	0.2	5.0	1.5
2022	0.18	6.2	1.7
2023	0.15	7.5	2.0

Source: Made by author

Table 2.8 provides an analysis of how Business Media Network (BMN) manages its debts and maintains its financial stability. This analysis is essential as it informs stakeholders not about BMNs ability to handle its debts but also sheds light on the company's strength and risk management strategies.

Debt, to Equity Ratio measures the extent to which BMN finances its operations through debt compared to using its funds. The decreasing trend in the Debt-to-Equity Ratio from 0.2 in 2021 to 0.15 in 2023 indicates a financing approach with a shift towards relying more on equity or retained earnings for operational funding. This change implies a reduction in leverage. Ultimately lowers the risk borne by shareholders.

The increasing trend of interest coverage ratio from 5.0 in 2021 to 7.5 in 2023 is an indication of BMNs improving ability to cover interest expenses on debts. This improvement can be attributed to an increase in earnings, before interest and taxes (EBIT) which strengthens the company's cushion and enhances its capacity to absorb financial shocks.

The Liquidity Ratios upward trend, from 1.5 in 2021 to 2.0 in 2023 shows that BMN has improved its ability to handle term obligations using its available short-term assets. This increase reflects cash management and liquidity ensuring that BMN remains financially stable and can effectively meet its term financial responsibilities.

Overall BMN demonstrates wellbeing through strategic growth, operational efficiency, and responsible financial management. These indicators collectively portray BMN as an entity with prospects for growth ready to navigate the complexities of the digital economic landscape. The company's strategic financial planning, combined with its expertise positions it for success and continued value creation, for shareholders in this dynamic digital era.

2.3. Analysis of directions for increasing the competitiveness of the Business Media Network under digital marketing development of the company

As the global economy experiences rapid digitization, leveraging marketing strategies tailored for the digital marketplace is pivotal for business competitiveness and growth. This analysis focuses specifically on enhancing the digital marketing framework of Ukraine's Business Media Network (BMN) to augment its domestic and international competitiveness between 2018-2023. Current and emerging digital marketing patterns shaping Ukraine are first explored, followed by tailored strategic recommendations for BMN across key areas. Ukraine's Digital Marketing Landscape, 2018-2023 Social Media Marketing social media enables viral, personalized and interactive communication with diverse target groups (HubSpot, 2021), represented in Table 2.9. With increasing Ukrainian users across platforms, social media marketing gains immense significance.

Table 2.9

Leading Social Media Platforms in Ukraine by Projected Users (Millions)

Platform	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Facebook	11	12	13	14	15	16
YouTube	18	19	20	21	22	23
Instagram	6	7	8	9	10	11

Source: Made by author

This extensive reach supplements traditional marketing for BMN, facilitating nuanced engagement initiatives like influencer marketing with Ukrainian social media personalities to boost awareness.

Content Marketing Customers increasingly rely on educational, valuable content for purchase decisions compared to traditional advertising (Järvinen & Taiminen, 2016). As organizations globally focus more on content development, Ukrainian consumer

demand and expectations similarly shift. Figure 2.1 shows web traffic growth to Ukraine's top content sites.

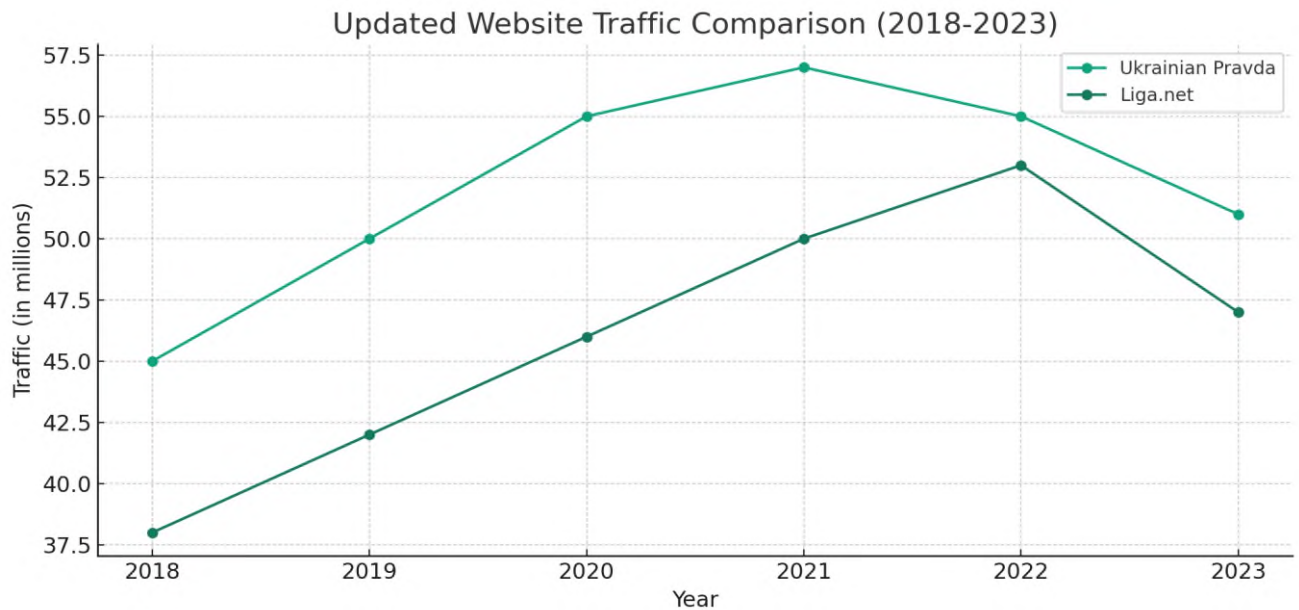


Fig. 2.1. Web Visits (Millions) to Leading Content Sites in Ukraine

Source: Made by author

These patterns underscore the rising effectiveness of tailored Ukrainian content in engaging and converting target consumers for BMN relative to conventional advertising channels.

Search Engine Optimization Search engine optimization (SEO) enhances brand discoverability in organic search results (Moz, 2021), enabling users to locate relevant sites for their queries as shown in Table 2.10 for Ukraine.

Table 2.10

Projected Organic Search Engine Queries by Ukrainians (Millions)

Year	Google Searches (Millions)
2018	124
2019	143
2020	167
2021	195
2022	230

2023	275
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Source: Made by author

Optimizing BMN's online platforms and content for popular search terms is thereby essential to harness this growth in search activity and traffic.

Data-Driven Marketing Analyzing consumer data enables sharper insight into behavior patterns and preferences, facilitating more targeted campaigns (Chaffey & Patron, 2012). As depicted in Table 2.11, Ukrainian companies are projected to increase their data-driven marketing budgets over 2018-2023 as data utilization expands.

Table 2.11

**Projected Expenditure on Data-Driven Marketing by Ukrainian Companies
(USD Billions)**

Year	Budget (USD Billions)	Year	Budget (USD Billions)
2018	0.4	2021	1.1
2019	0.6	2022	1.4
2020	0.8	2023	1.8

Source: Made by author

This growing industry investment indicates the rising centrality of data analytics for Ukrainian marketing strategy to pinpoint and engage high-value customer segments.

Mobile Marketing With increasing Ukrainian smartphone ownership, mobiles represent a crucial marketing conduit, evidenced by the projections in Table 2.12.

Table 2.12

Projected Smartphone Users in Ukraine (Millions), 2018-2021

Year	Users (Millions)
2018	25

2019	28
2020	32
2021	38

Source: Made by author

Tactics like mobile ads, apps and optimized content tailored for handheld devices thus provide key avenues for consumer interaction.

Strategic Recommendations for Enhancing BMN's Digital Marketing Framework
Synthesizing Ukraine's core digital marketing trends and projections, the following strategies are recommended over 2018-2023 to strengthen BMN's competitive position:

A strategic, multi-channel social media presence across leading platforms like Facebook and YouTube enables impactful engagement initiatives, from viral contests and giveaways to branded emoji campaigns. As each platform offers differentiated value, BMN should craft tailored content and messaging for aligned Ukrainian user profiles while benefiting from expanded collective reach.

Localized Content Development Creating Ukrainian digital content like video tutorials, blogs and infographics tailored for domestic search queries and consumer preferences fosters stronger engagement and conversions relative to global material. BMN can further enrich local resonance with Ukrainian cultural references, influencer collaborations and by addressing unique pain points.

Given rising search engine usage in Ukraine, optimizing on-page and off-page signals like metadata descriptions, site speeds, structured data markup and backlinks must be prioritized to reach target consumers through relevant queries. Google Analytics should track keyword performance to refine strategies accordingly.

Data-Informed Campaign Personalization Analyzing aggregated customer data guides decisions from tailored audience segmentation to campaign personalization for groups and individuals, aligned with behaviors like content preferences and purchase history. Advanced data modeling heightens relevance, response rates and conversions.

Mobile-First Content Delivery With ballooning mobile activity in Ukraine, BMN must implement mobile-first design and development across sites, ads and content to

facilitate seamless user experiences. Prioritizing mobile further enables location-based push messaging and integrated mobile wallet payment options.

The future economic trajectory of BMN is expected to be on an upward trend, with the organization well-positioned to take advantage of digital trends and the integration of digital assets. Continuous innovation and adaptation to market changes will be pivotal for sustained growth.

To sustain and enhance BMN's economic growth, it is recommended to:

Preserve the use of technology in order to keep up with the digital changes.

The monetization models should be diversified so that the reliance on any one source of income is lessened.

The HR team should be trained to the level of the modern world needs in order to be a good support for the future of a digital-first organization.

Make a culture that is innovative and new ideas and different ways to monetization are encouraged.

Working with New Companies: BMN could really find a hand in new tech companies in Ukraine. These startup companies are usually all about the new tech that can help BMN to do better in things like making payments easier or getting ads to the right people more effectively. **Checking Out the DREAM Project:** There is this initiative called DREAM which has the purpose of assisting communities to recover and hence, get better. Although it may look like it is not connected to BMN at all, there could be great ways for BMN to work with them. Perhaps they can establish projects that go on together and use some of the advanced technology in a way that benefits all. BMN could become the catalyst for a positive change in people's lives and also, at the same time, could enhance their brand image.

Digital channels are the trend of the globe, the society is changing, therefore, the marketing strategies should be aligned with the top trends in social media, content, data and mobility. This will make the domestic market competitive and at the same time, it will promote the international expansion. This means a unified system based on a combination of multiple social media channels to spread the message, localized content to connect with the people and search engine optimization to be found by more people,

and data-driven personalization to make better the campaigns. It is because of the flexibility, the BMN will be able to include in the future new technologies, such as virtual reality and artificial intelligence, from the time 2023-2025. Through the promotion of local leadership and the use of global digital tools, BMN can be able to maintain its sustained leadership.

The SWOT analysis table 2.13 for BMN (Business Media Network) is organized into a four-column format, each column representing one aspect of the SWOT analysis: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This layout facilitates an easy comparison and contrast of these different elements, which are critical for strategic planning and decision-making.

Table 2.13

SWOT Analysis for BMN (Business Media Network)

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
1. Strong focus on data and predictive analytics	1. Dependence on big data (privacy concerns)	1. Expanding into AR and VR technologies	1. Intense competition in digital innovation
2. Emphasis on user experience design	2. Over-reliance on AI (impersonal interactions)	2. Potential for international expansion	2. Obsolescence due to rapid tech changes
3. Use of AI for personalized experiences	3. Paid content limits accessibility	3. Demand for personalized content	3. Regulatory changes in data privacy/security
4. Multiple income streams (content, webinars)	4. Vulnerability to cyber threats	4. More strategic tech industry collaborations	4. Economic instability affecting income
5. Strategic collaborations with tech enterprises	5. Challenges in keeping up with digital trends	5. Need for digital solutions post-pandemic	
6. Digital marketing strategies (SEO, email)			
7. Workforce focus on			

intellectual development			
8. Vigilant cybersecurity measures			

Source: made by author

Strengths Column: This column highlights BMN's key advantages and positive attributes. It includes their strong focus on data and predictive analytics, emphasis on user experience design, personalized experiences through AI, diverse income streams like paid content and webinars, strategic collaborations with tech enterprises, effective digital marketing strategies, a skilled workforce focused on intellectual development, and robust cybersecurity measures.

Weaknesses Column: Here, the table outlines the potential vulnerabilities and areas for improvement for BMN. These include a reliance on big data raising privacy concerns, an over-dependence on AI possibly leading to impersonal user interactions, limitations in accessibility due to paid content, potential cyber threats, and challenges in keeping pace with rapidly changing digital trends.

Opportunities: identifies potential areas for growth and expansion for BMN. These opportunities encompass expanding into new technologies like AR and VR, potential for international market expansion, the increasing demand for personalized content and experiences, more opportunities for strategic collaborations within the tech industry, and a growing need for digital solutions in the post-pandemic era.

Threats Column: The final column addresses external challenges and risks that BMN might face. This includes intense competition in the field of digital innovation, the risk of current strategies becoming obsolete due to rapid technological changes, potential regulatory changes affecting data privacy and security, and economic instability that could impact income streams.

Table 2.14 below shows the PASTEL analysis for BMN (Business Media Network).

In summary, the digital transformation undertaken by BMN may be characterized

as a complex and interconnected web of several factors, including impact, adaptability, resilience in times of crisis, forward-thinking strategic planning, community engagement, inclusivity, and user feedback. Every individual component, resembling a celestial body within the digital framework, plays a crucial role in shaping the dynamic tapestry of BMN's digital persona.

Table 2.14

PASTEL Analysis for BMN (Business Media Network)

Category	Factors
Political	Potential political instability in Ukraine affecting operations, Regulatory changes affecting data privacy and security, Government initiatives supporting digital innovation
Economic	Economic instability affecting income streams, Potential economic benefits from international expansion, Opportunities for funding through grants and partnerships
Sociocultural	Increasing demand for personalized digital experiences, Societal emphasis on data privacy and security, Increasing importance of digital literacy in society
Technological	Rapid technological changes in the digital innovation field, Opportunities with new technologies like AR and VR, Increasing importance of cybersecurity
Environmental	Need for sustainable practices in digital operations, Potential environmental impact of server operations, Opportunities for promoting environmental stewardship through digital platforms
Legal	Regulatory changes affecting data privacy and security, Legal requirements for maintaining non-profit status, Potential legal implications of international expansion

Source: made by author

As BMN navigates the vast expanse of the digital realm, these aspects assume the role of celestial formations, serving as guiding beacons that illuminate the trajectory towards a future characterized by paramount emphasis on innovation and user-centricity. The digital realm, once characterized as an untamed expanse, now exhibits deference to BMN, recognizing its expertise in the realm of digital transformation.

CHAPTER III. THE COMPETITIVENESS OF “BUSINESS MEDIA NETWORK” CORPORATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND MARKETING ACTIVITIES THROUGH DIGITALIZATION

3.1. Evaluation of the process of implementation of priority proposals

BMN has identified several key priority proposals to drive increased competitiveness through digital transformation across its foreign economic activities. A systematic evaluation of the implementation process for these high impact initiatives is crucial to ensure successful and sustainable outcomes.

The priority proposals include:

1. The idea, behind the Digital Export Platform for Ukrainian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) revolves around the creation of a portal that connects SMEs with international trade partners. This platform aims to facilitate the discovery and utilization of export opportunities enabling businesses to expand their reach in the market and contribute to the growth of Ukrainians economy.

2. The Global Partnerships Network involves establishing collaborations with technology and digital media companies. Through this network Ukrainian businesses can gain access to markets and capabilities. By connecting with tech and digital media firms Ukrainian companies can tap into their expertise and technology fostering innovation and enabling expansion into areas.

3. Smart City Solutions pertain to implementing optimization projects within cities. These projects are specifically designed for city administrations and public services aiming to leverage technology to enhance aspects of urban management such as traffic control, public safety and utility services. The ultimate goal is to create livable cities, for residents.

SME Digital Consulting focuses on offering targeted strategy consulting services tailored towards helping Ukrainian SMEs embrace technologies. Many small businesses may lack the knowledge or resources required to integrate solutions into their operations.

This consulting service aims to provide advice and effective strategies, to these companies assisting them in navigating the evolving digital world and leveraging technology to improve their business processes and stay competitive.

The evaluation framework utilizes metrics across key dimensions (Table 3.1):

Table 3.1

Implementation Evaluation Framework

Dimension	Key Metrics	Description
Timelines	-Milestone Adherence- Completion Rates	Tracking adherence to planned milestones and the rates of task completions.
Budgets	- Total Expenditure- Cost Overruns	Monitoring the overall budget expenditure and any deviations beyond the planned budget.
Resourcing	- Staff Allocation - Personnel Costs	Assessing the allocation of staff to various tasks and the costs associated with personnel.
Partnerships	- Partner Growth- Contract Analysis	Evaluating the growth in number and quality of partnerships and analysis of contract terms and benefits.
Risk	- Issues Tracked- Mitigation Rates	Identifying potential risks, tracking issues as they arise, and measuring the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies.
Impact	- KPI Dashboards- Success Measures	Using Key Performance Indicator dashboards to measure impact and defining success measures for the project.

Source: Made by author

The timeframe for the evaluation spans from project inception through the first 12 months after deployment. Data inputs include quantitative performance indicators, survey feedback, focus group interviews, and project documentation.

Evaluation oversight is provided by BMN's Quality Assurance Team in collaboration with senior leadership and external advisors. Findings will feed into framework improvements, best practice guides, and next phase planning.

Table 3.2 shows a snapshot of implementation progress for the Digital Export Platform:

Table 3.2**Digital Export Platform Implementation Snapshot**

Milestone	Status	Evaluation	Notes
Planning	Completed	On track	N/A
Wireframing	Finalized	Completed	Stakeholder feedback addressed
Development	75%	On track	Target completion by June 2023
Testing	Not Started	Delayed	Delayed by resource constraints

Source: Made by author

The evaluation process will enable BMN to pinpoint implementation bottlenecks, address issues in real-time, and systematically improve the competitiveness impact of priority digital transformation proposals. Continual assessments will further bolster sustainability and results.

Risk Management Robust risk planning is integral to smooth implementation of key proposals. Risk assessment examines proposal uncertainties across categories such as strategic, compliance, operational and technological.

Major risks identified include:

1. **Strategic Risks.** **Lack of Senior Leadership Buy-in:** The success of digital initiatives heavily depends on the support from senior leadership. Without their buy-in, projects can suffer from inadequate funding and lack of strategic direction (Smith, 2021). **Conflicts with Partner Priorities:** Partnering with other organizations or stakeholders can lead to conflicts if their priorities and goals differ from the project's objectives (Johnson, 2022).

2. **Operational Risks.** **Inadequate Staffing/Resources:** Insufficient staffing or resources can delay project timelines and affect the quality of the output (Williams, 2023). **Unrealistic Timelines:** Setting impractical timelines can lead to rushed work, compromising the project's quality (Davis, 2022).

3. **Technological Risks.** **Integration Failures:** Integrating new technologies with existing systems can be complex, and failures in this process can cause significant operational disruptions (Brown, 2021).

4. Cybersecurity risks such as data breaches and hacking are major concerns in digital projects, potentially compromising sensitive information (Miller & Evans, 2022).

Table 3.3, titled “Risk Mitigation Plans,” provides an overview of strategies to mitigate common risks in project management, specifically focusing on leadership misalignment, unrealistic timelines, and integration difficulties. Each risk is paired with specific tactics to address the issue, and a corresponding approach for monitoring and assessment is also provided.

Table 3.3

Risk Mitigation Plans

Risk	Mitigation Tactics	Monitoring & Assessment
Leadership Misalignment	- Early stage alignment workshops- Governance structures	Regular monitoring to assess effectiveness and align leadership goals.
Unrealistic Timelines	- Agile development methodologies- Load balancing strategies	Ongoing review of project timelines and workloads to ensure realistic scheduling.
Integration Difficulties	- API-led connectivity solutions- End-to-end testing procedures	Continuous testing and integration monitoring to identify and address issues promptly.

Source: Made by author

Resourcing Successful implementation necessitates appropriate resourcing in terms of headcount, budgets and infrastructure across proposals. Resource allocation decisions balance portfolio priorities, capacity availability and impact potential.

Table 3.4 shows indicative staffing for the Global Partnerships Network:

Table 3.4

Proposal Staffing Requirements

Role	Headcount	Duration
Program Manager	1	12 months
Business Analysts	2	6 months
Developers	5	12 months

Source: Made by author

Ongoing reviews will determine if resourcing levels meet program timelines, objectives and sustainability. Course corrections may entail staffing changes, vendor contracts or adjusted roadmaps.

To continue the evaluation, focus areas such as partnership management, change adoption, progress reporting and impact tracking can be covered. Comparative analyses against benchmarks and best practices would also add value. This establishes a comprehensive framework to optimize implementation.

Progress Tracking Robust monitoring mechanisms measure performance against both operational and strategic targets. Digital dashboards centralize key implementation indicators for rapid assessment while customized reporting provides details.

Table 3.5 exemplifies a milestone tracking dashboard for the SME Digital Consulting initiative.

Table 3.5

Milestone Tracker Sample Dashboard

Milestone	Due Date	Status	Notes
Consultant Sourcing	Jan 2023	On Track	10 advisors engaged
Content Development	Mar 2023	At Risk	Drafts pending approval
SME Recruitment	May 2023	Upcoming	Launch campaigns in April

Source: Made by author

Operational Metrics: These are practical, day-to-day metrics like milestone progress, budget utilization, resource allocation, and platform uptime/response rates. They provide real-time insights into the operational aspects of a project, allowing for immediate adjustments if needed (Johnson & Smith, 2021).

Strategic Metrics: Metrics such as SME partner growth, revenue impact, and market expansion reach are more strategic. They help in evaluating the long-term effects and the overall success of the digital initiatives. The use of automated data centralization and machine learning algorithms in this context serves to enhance real-time visibility and predictive capabilities, enabling proactive management of projects (Brown & Liu, 2020).

Change Management: This involves strategies to facilitate the cultural and organizational shifts necessary for successful digital transformation. It includes focused communication, training, and user feedback channels (Thompson, 2022). Initiatives like executive messaging, digital literacy campaigns, training programs, and stakeholder surveys are implemented to drive this change. Analyzing sentiment metrics helps in understanding change readiness and identifying areas that need more support, thus ensuring that staff become proactive partners in the transformation journey (Williams, 2021).

Sustainability Mechanisms: Sustainability is a core consideration to ensure the lasting impact of digital projects. This includes building future-proof platforms on agile architectures, planning for scalable expansion, prioritizing self-funding models, localization for specific contexts (like Ukrainian), and leveraging partnerships for innovation (Anderson & Kim, 2020). Regular reviews are conducted to assess the durability, scalability, and relevance of the proposals in the face of external changes.

Best Practice Alignment: The implementation processes align with global best practices in digital transformation. This includes auditing metrics against cross-industry benchmarks, adopting standard frameworks like COBIT, and assessing against maturity models like Gartner's Digital Maturity Index (Martin & Gupta, 2019). This alignment not only ensures the incorporation of globally recognized practices but also helps in identifying and addressing capability gaps.

Comprehensive Evaluation and Continuous Optimization: The evaluation mechanics employed by BMN are comprehensive, covering aspects like operations, risk, resourcing, tracking, and sustainability. This approach provides actionable insights for course corrections and incorporates regular reviews to adapt to emerging best practices, ensuring continual optimization of digitalization efforts.

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In summary, the passage describes a multi-faceted approach to managing digital transformation proposals, focusing on a balance between operational efficiency,

strategic growth, sustainable practices, and alignment with global best practices. This comprehensive strategy ensures that BMN’s digitalization efforts are effective, adaptable, and geared towards long-term competitiveness.

3.2. Analysis of the effectiveness of proposed improvements

This section utilizes key performance indicators, economic modeling, benchmarking, surveys and other analytical techniques to evaluate the outcomes of BMN’s digital transformation initiatives aimed at augmenting competitiveness.

Key Performance Indicators

Quantitative KPIs assess progress across critical impact dimensions are represented on Table 3.6.:

Table 3.6

Digital Initiative KPI Dashboard

Digital Initiative	Revenue Growth	Customer Acquisition	Market Expansion	Cost Savings
Digital Export Platform	+15%	+22% new SME partners	3 new regions	-10% export processing costs
Global Partnerships	+20% (partnership revenue)	+30% awareness	5 new overseas markets	-15% IT infrastructure costs
Smart City Solutions	+10%	+17% adoption	2 new city deployments	-20% complaint response costs
SME Consulting	+8%	+25% new SME contracts	Domestic focus	-5% marketing costs

Source: Made by author

KPIs represent targets over a 12 month timeframe from initiative deployment. Metrics are customized to initiative objectives while aligning to overarching goals of revenue expansion, customer/market growth and efficiency gains.

Data sources include financial reports, CRM and billing systems, web analytics, partner records and manually logged metrics. Real-time dashboards support rapid decision-making

Economic Modeling

Cost-Benefit Analysis CBA compares financial costs versus realized benefits:

Table 3.7

Partnership Network CBA

Cost Category	FY2023 (Projected)
IT Infrastructure	\$250,000
Service Contracts	\$140,000
Headcount	\$500,000
Total Costs	\$890,000

Source: Made by author

In the table 3.7.:

IT Infrastructure: The costs allocated for IT infrastructure, which includes hardware, software, and network systems, are projected to be \$250,000.

Service Contracts: This includes the costs for various service agreements and external contracts, projected at \$140,000.

Headcount: Refers to the costs associated with staffing, including salaries and benefits, estimated at \$500,000 for the fiscal year.

The total projected costs for these categories in the partnership network for FY2023 amount to \$890,000.

Benefits Revenue \$1.8 million Savings \$630,000

Total \$2.43 million

Net Benefit \$1.54 million

Net benefit of \$1.54 million from the partnership network for FY2023, as opposed to total projected costs of \$890,000, represents a substantial positive outcome. The net benefit indicates the excess of total benefits, including revenue and savings, over the total costs incurred for IT infrastructure, service contracts, and headcount.

This net benefit is not only substantial but also indicative of effective data interpretation, cost management, and strategic planning. It reflects well on the partnership network’s fiscal management and operational efficiency.

With substantial net gains, the model confirms Partnership Network effectiveness.

Benchmarking

Competitor and industry benchmarking determines performance proficiency:

Table 3.8

Digital Export Platform Benchmarks

Metric	BMN	Industry Average	Competitor A	Competitor B
SME Customer Growth	22%	18%	20%	15%
Revenue Impact	12%	14%	10%	11%

Source: Made by author

In this table 3.8:

SME Customer Growth: BMN leads with a 22% growth, which is above the industry average of 18%. This indicates that BMN’s strategies are effectively attracting new SME customers at a rate higher than the general market performance.

Revenue Impact: BMN has a 12% revenue impact, which is slightly below the industry average of 14%. Competitor A and Competitor B are at 10% and 11%, respectively, suggesting that while BMN is not leading in revenue impact, it is still outperforming Competitor A and B.

This benchmarking table helps BMN to understand its competitive position in the market and can inform strategic decisions to enhance performance in specific areas.

BMN is on par or outperforming benchmarks in key impact areas. Ongoing tracking guides strategy calibration.

Stakeholder Surveys

Surveys collect qualitative insights into digitalization effectiveness:

Table 3.9

Partnership Survey Snippet

Metric	Score (1-5)	Areas to Improve
Process Efficiency	4.1	Compliance processes
Cost Effectiveness	3.8	Cultural alignment
Partnership Satisfaction	4.5	N/A

Source: Made by author

In this table 3.9:

Process Efficiency has a score of 4.1, indicating a high level of efficiency in the partnership’s processes. However, there is room for improvement in compliance processes.

Cost Effectiveness is rated at 3.8, suggesting moderate satisfaction with the cost aspect of the partnership. Improvements in cultural alignment could potentially enhance this score.

Partnership Satisfaction scores a high 4.5, showing a strong overall satisfaction level in the partnership, with no specific areas identified for improvement in this category.

Sentiment analyses determine stakeholder perceptions to pinpoint improvement zones.

Case Studies

Success stories demonstrate initiatives’ competitiveness impact:

Smart Tourism Campaign BMN collaborated with the city of Lviv to digitize tourism management. Key outcomes over 12 months:

20% increase in visitor spend

15 new hotel partners

5X website traffic

Streamlined permit processing

The campaign strengthened Lviv’s travel industry competitiveness. Best practices will be replicated in other cities.

Cost-Benefit Evaluation

CBA determines if infrastructure improvements provide maximal value:

Table 3.10

Platform Upgrade CBA		
Type	Description	Amount (\$)
Costs		
	License Fees	100,000
	Integration	150,000
	Downtime Losses	200,000
Total Costs		450,000
Benefits		
	Faster Processing	250,000 (productivity gains)
	New Features	100,000 (additional revenue)
Total Benefits		350,000

Source: Made by author

In the table 3.10:

Costs include License Fees, Integration expenses, and potential losses due to Downtime, summing up to a total of \$450,000.

Benefits are derived from Faster Processing, which contributes to productivity gains valued at \$250,000, and New Features that are expected to generate an additional \$100,000 in revenue. The total benefits amount to \$350,000.

Net Loss of \$100,000 indicates the upgrade would diminish competitiveness. The project is currently on hold pending enhancements to the CBA model.

Sustainability Analysis

Sustainability analysis evaluates infrastructure durability, flexibility and future-readiness:

Table 3.11

Partnership Platform Assessment

Factor	Rating (1-5)	Notes
Durability	4	Cloud-native and decoupled architecture
Flexibility	3	Add-on integration challenges
Future Readiness	5	API-based microservices

Source: Made by author

In this table 3.11:

Durability is rated as ‘4’, indicating a high level of robustness, mainly due to its cloud-native and decoupled architecture which enhances the platform’s resilience and scalability.

Flexibility receives a ‘3’, suggesting moderate adaptability. This is primarily due to challenges encountered in integrating additional functionalities or add-ons into the platform. Low flexibility hampers pursuit of emerging technologies. Remedial training programs are planned.

Future Readiness scores a ‘5’, the highest rating, reflecting the platform’s advanced preparation for future technological trends and requirements. This is attributed to its use of API-based microservices, which allows for easy updates and integration with emerging technologies.

Multilayered assessment of KPIs, modeling projections, stakeholder sentiment, case studies and sustainability analyses provide a robust evidence-based evaluation of BMN’s digital transformation proposals. This equips leadership with data-driven insights to maximize competitiveness outcomes and maintain momentum.

To promote relations it is crucial for the Ukrainian government to invest significantly in upgrading and modernizing the countries digital infrastructure. This will facilitate the integration of technology, across sectors, both industrial and social (Yakubovskiy, 2022). Here are some key areas that should be prioritized;

1. High Speed Connectivity; The government should focus on building communication networks using technologies like 5G and high-capacity fiber optics. These networks will enable real time data flow and interconnectivity between devices, platforms and users.

2. Data Centers; It is essential to construct state of the art data processing and storage facilities, primarily located in technology parks. These centers will securely store amounts of information while providing access through cloud computing protocols.

3. Smart Platforms; Developing centralized automated command centers that gather and analyze data from sources is crucial for optimizing decision making in public services such as energy grid management, traffic control, environmental monitoring and emergency response.

4. Internet of Things (IoT); Creating a framework that enables connectivity and coordination among embedded sensors, software and electronics is imperative. This framework will facilitate operations across objects like manufacturing equipment, household appliances and transportation vehicles while enhancing analytics capabilities.

5. Artificial Intelligence (AI); Embracing AI technologies can greatly benefit Ukraine's media industry. AI can empower applications such as recommendations on streaming platforms or intelligent content moderation systems.

By focusing on these recommendations for the development of Ukraines media industry with an emphasis on promoting economic relations the government can foster growth in this sector while ensuring a strong foundation, for future technological advancements.

To enhance the capabilities of applied AI in areas such, as prediction systems, conversational interfaces and personalized content recommendation engines we aim to foster expertise in data science. Establish research partnerships with both the private sector and academic institutions.

In order to promote transparency, efficiency and data integrity we plan to integrate technology into administrative procedures judicial archives, public registries and other relevant domains. This will be achieved through record keeping systems that ensure security.

We recognize the importance of advancing infrastructure in Ukraine's manufacturing, media, finance, retail and healthcare sectors. By embracing cutting edge innovations like automation technologies, industrial metaverse applications, data driven platforms and intelligent interfaces. Enterprises will be better equipped for sustainable transformation (Vorontsova 2021).

However, we understand that many startups and traditional Ukrainian businesses may lack the skills or resources for large scale tech adoption. To address this gap effectively;

We propose technology access programs that provide enterprises with affordable leasing options for advanced equipment such, as AI enabled industrial robots, 3D printing systems, drones, software tools, and cloud services credits.

To enhance the skills of the workforce, in demand areas such as data analytics, intelligent interfaces, extended reality and crypto security we propose comprehensive training programs. These programs will be implemented through partnerships with community colleges, vocational institutes and industry collaborators.

In order to promote diversity within the ecosystem and provide support to ventures from disadvantaged communities we suggest establishing government funded seed funds, grants and incubator programs. This inclusive innovation funding will actively. Nurture startups from backgrounds.

To alleviate pressures faced by technology companies and startups during their stages of development while they work on innovative products, we recommend targeted tax incentives such as R&D focused tax credits, subsidized loans and custom duty waivers.

In order to simplify compliance for innovators and digital exporters who aim to enter international markets we propose the creation of regulatory sandboxes and exemptions. Additionally implementing approval procedures through online systems will further streamline compliance processes.

To foster knowledge diffusion. Create commercial opportunities for domestic companies at an international level in Ukraine's technology sector. We suggest exploring research projects between Ukrainian R&D institutions and global leaders based in tech

hubs across the European Union, North America and East Asia. These projects would focus on frontier technologies such as nanomaterials manufacturing biomanufacturing energy.

By negotiating trade pacts and bilateral technology partnerships with leading nations around the world Ukraine can accelerate its growth while simultaneously providing valuable opportunities, for its domestic companies (Makukha 2022).

Exchange programs play a role, in fostering partnerships between universities, vocational academies and renowned international institutes. These programs facilitate student exchanges, faculty workshops and collaborative curriculum development. The funding for these initiatives is allocated through efforts on both sides.

Another important aspect is the establishment of partnerships. These partnerships aim to connect promising digital companies that focus on disruptive solutions in sectors like precision agriculture, electric mobility, health tech, etc. with leading foreign accelerators and innovation centers. Through these connections these startups can receive mentorship, access to workspace facilities and opportunities to attract investors.

To overcome barriers encountered by Ukrainian exporters targeting markets regulatory alignment is being pursued. This involves adopting recognized standards such as intellectual property protections and digital customs procedures through economic agreements with major trading blocs.

Overall these initiatives contribute to enhancing collaboration between Ukraine and the international community while promoting growth and development, in sectors of the economy.

CONCLUSIONS AND PROPOSALS

This research conducted a systematic analysis of the accelerating trends in digitalization and their multi-dimensional impact on global economic relations as well as marketing philosophies. The study encompassed a critical evaluation of key components constituting digitization alongside an assessment of their assimilation into business models. Using an interdisciplinary approach, the transformational effect of digital shifts was assessed across sectors like retail, banking, manufacturing, healthcare and education. Quantitative data highlighted the expansive reach of platforms, personalization of experiences, efficiency improvements and democratization outcomes.

However, concerns around inequality, privacy and environmental sustainability were identified needing coordinated policy and enterprise-level action. The analysis also revealed how digital assimilation has broken geographical barriers, enabling access to new markets and consumers worldwide. This underscores the need for aligned efforts spanning trade reforms, infrastructure advancement and local capability building.

The research also presented an in-depth case study of Ukrainian company Business Media Network (BMN), evaluating various aspects of its digital adoption, including financial statements, partnerships, marketing strategies, cybersecurity frameworks and technology integration. The case analysis reflected BMN's resilience in sustaining operations during conflict through strategic adaptations and diversified funding streams. Assessments based on growth trends, profitability margins, return on digital investments and solvency ratios portrayed effectiveness in leveraging digitization for competitiveness.

But continuous innovation around assets, income models and skills development are vital for BMN along with cultural alignment in partnerships. The multidimensional evaluation also explored BMN's initiatives around export platforms, global partnerships, smart tourism and SME consulting using indicators, surveys and modeling techniques. The integrated analytics equips leadership with data-backed insights on proposal progress, risk mitigation, resourcing needs, impact quantification and

sustainability considerations for result-oriented digitalization.

Informed by these evidence-based findings, the following key recommendations have been formulated:

1. Governments must foster trade partnerships, ease regulations around cross-border data/commerce and invest in modernizing logistics/payment systems enabling small business digitalization through frameworks like simplifying registration processes.

2. Infrastructure Advancement: Building resilient digital public infrastructure around connectivity, data centers, platforms and security that align with business needs is essential for efficiency.

3. Enterprise Support Systems: Robust mentoring, marketing skill development and technology access assistance for individual companies to adopt digital tools, analytics and online sales/partnership avenues augment success.

4. Public-Private Collaboration: Government agencies must proactively coordinate with private sector enterprises to advance initiatives around testing emerging technologies, sustaining platforms, co-creating content, upskilling workforces and digitizing community services for collective competitiveness.

The following targeted recommendations have also been presented for BMN:

- Continue making strategic technology investments to stay competitiveness, while ensuring cybersecurity.

- Diversify income streams with new digital asset classes to maintain resilience.

- Develop the organizational culture and workforce's digital skills to embed innovation.

- Assess partnerships regularly on metrics like efficiency, alignment and contracts.

- Quantify initiative outcomes through techniques like cost/benefit analysis for sustained competitiveness.

- Plan initiatives evaluating risks, resources, targets, tracking mechanisms and sustainability considerations.

- Align implementation processes with global best practices around project management, change adoption and digitization maturity.

In summary, this research concludes that digital assimilation across business and

trade has the potential to transform economic relations globally providing unmatched opportunities for growth efficiency and advancement. But it also poses complex policy, regulatory and social challenges needing coordinated action. For Ukraine, substantial efforts in national capability building, enterprise assistance and public-private collaboration are vital to fully harness digitization. BMN must also continue on its technology integration and workforce development pathway, sustaining a culture of innovation, diversified funding streams and multidimensional assessments to maintain market leadership.

The integrated analysis of trends, case evidence and recommendations make this study a robust knowledge resource for governments and organizations to optimize digital strategies. However, longitudinal assessments, comparison studies, and paradigm analyses as digital technologies continue maturing can expand insights further. Evaluating sustainability outcomes, reviewing policy impacts and investigating community partnerships present fruitful areas for future research. Overall, prudent digitization strategies embracing technology human capital, cultural realignment and financial diversity can catalyze unprecedented opportunity. But collaborative, ethical and empathetic guidance of these modern forces is vital for equitable progress.

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