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Biotechnology In The Fight Against Climate Changes: Economic Incentives And Barriers

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Abstract
This paper analyses the role of biotechnology in addressing climate change and explores the economic incentives and barriers, that influence the development and adoption of innovative biotechnology solutions. Biotechnologies, including the use of biofuels, carbon capture, sustainable agricultural practices and bioremediation, can play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating more resilient ecosystems. Their adoption contributes to reducing the impact of human activities on the climate, increasing the efficiency of natural resource use and improving the resilience of ecosystems.
The article focuses on the economic mechanisms that support the development of biotechnology. These include government subsidies, tax incentives, research and development grants, and programmes aimed at commercialising green technologies. Such incentives can significantly accelerate the transition to more sustainable and environmentally friendly technologies, as well as reduce financial risks for private investors and businesses. Particular attention is paid to the role of government and international initiatives, such as the Paris Agreement and various environmental programmes that aim to reduce carbon footprints.
However, the authors also analyse the economic and political barriers that hinder the widespread adoption of biotechnology. One of the main obstacles is the high cost of developing and implementing new biotechnological solutions, which requires significant initial investments. In some cases, due to regulatory uncertainty and market instability, private companies are not always willing to invest in long-term environmental projects. Also, there is a lack of sufficient infrastructure for large-scale application of innovative technologies, which limits their diffusion and efficiency.
The conclusions to the study emphasise the need for a comprehensive and coordinated public policy aimed at removing existing barriers and creating favourable conditions for sustainable development of biotechnological solutions. An important aspect is the improvement of interaction between the public and private sectors, as well as the creation of conditions for attracting private investment in environmentally friendly technologies. The authors argue that a successful fight against climate change is only possible if innovative biotechnologies are actively supported at all levels - from scientific research to their commercialisation and implementation in everyday life.
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INTRODUCTION:

Climate change is one of the most serious global challenges facing humanity in the 21st century. In recent decades, there has been an increase in the Earth's temperature, melting glaciers, rising global sea levels, and an increase in the frequency of extreme weather events [1]. One of the main causes of these changes is anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases, which have an impact on the planet's climate system. In this regard, the introduction of innovative technologies that can minimise the negative impact on the environment and contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions is required. Biotechnology, as a branch of science and technology, offers effective solutions to combat climate change. These include the

development of clean energy sources such as biofuels, carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies, as well as sustainable agricultural practices and bioremediation techniques.

However, despite the obvious environmental benefits, the adoption of biotechnology faces a number of economic barriers. High upfront costs of research and development, insufficient infrastructure development, and uncertainty in legal regulation and the technology market hinder the widespread application of biotechnology. At the same time, there are economic incentives, such as government subsidies, tax breaks and international support programmes that can accelerate the transition to sustainable development and ensure long-term commercialisation of these technologies [2].

The aim of this article is to analyse the economic incentives and barriers affecting the development of biotechnology in the fight against climate change, and to consider possible ways of overcoming these obstacles for creating a sustainable future.

Materials and Methods. In the process of preparing the paper, various methods were applied to analyse the problem and provide a scientific basis for the study. The systems analysis method allowed us to consider biotechnology as part of a broader system that includes environmental, economic, social and political aspects. The systems approach will help to identify the interrelationships between the different components of the system (e.g. biotechnology, economy, legislation) and assess their impact on climate change.

The benchmarking method has made it possible to compare different approaches to the use of biotechnology in different countries or regions. It helps to assess the effectiveness of different models of economic incentives (e.g. subsidies, tax breaks) and barriers (e.g. high investment risks, insufficient infrastructure) for the development of environmentally sustainable technologies.

The innovation process analysis method focused on the process of innovation, including biotechnological solutions to climate change, and provided an understanding of how new technologies are developed, commercialised and diffused in the market.

Using these methods together will create a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of the role of biotechnology in combating climate change, and assess the economic incentives and barriers that affect its development and adoption.

Results. Biotechnology offers diverse and innovative approaches to address climate change, providing effective tools to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable development [3]. Let us consider several key areas of biotechnology that play an important role in this field (Table 1).

Table 1

Key areas of biotechnology that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainable development

Biotechnology area	Description	Impact on climate
Biofuels	Development and production of fuels from renewable sources (plants, algae, agricultural waste).	Replacing fossil energy sources, reducing CO2 in the atmosphere.
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	Technologies aimed at capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere or industrial production and storing it safely underground.	Reducing the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere, reducing the greenhouse effect.
Sustainable agricultural technologies	Development of environmentally friendly agricultural practices, including sustainable plant varieties, biological fertilisers and pest control methods.	Reducing chemical use, increasing carbon sequestration, reducing emissions in the agricultural sector.
Bioremediation	The use of microorganisms or plants to clean up contaminated ecosystems, including water and soil.	Reduction of pollution, restoration of ecosystems, reduction of toxic emissions into the atmosphere.

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The development of biofuels is one of the most promising areas of biotechnology. Biofuels are fuels produced from organic materials such as plants, algae or animal waste [4]. Unlike fossil fuels, biofuels are a renewable resource because they can be produced on a continuous basis using agricultural crops, wood and plant residues, and algae. The main types of biofuels are bioethanol (from plants containing sugar or starch) and biodiesel (from vegetable oils and animal fats). Biofuels contribute to lower carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions than traditional hydrocarbon energy sources. Firstly, the plants from which biofuels are produced absorb CO2 from the atmosphere through the process of photosynthesis. Secondly, the combustion of biofuels only emits CO2 that the plants have already absorbed, unlike fossil fuels where carbon has been fixed for millions of years [5].

Thus, the use of biofuels can lead to a reduction in net carbon emissions and less dependence on oil and natural gas. However, there are problems and challenges, such as competition with food production, as crops used for biofuels may be taken over for food production, leading to higher food prices. There is also a problem with crop productivity as not all plants are efficiently converted into fuel, and the use of large areas of land for growing crops can have a negative impact on ecosystems [6].

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) are technologies aimed at capturing carbon dioxide (CO2) that is emitted into the atmosphere during industrial production, fuel combustion or even directly from the atmosphere, and storing it safely for the long term in geological formations underground. This process involves three main steps: capturing CO2, transporting it and storing it in specially prepared locations. CCS can significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere, which is critical for combating global warming [7]. Using this technology, CO2 emissions from large industrial facilities such as power plants and factories, which produce huge amounts of greenhouse gases, can be reduced. In addition, CCS can be used in conjunction with biofuels (BECCS), where CO2 is captured from the atmosphere during the growth of plants, which are then used to produce biofuels. However, there are a number of issues and challenges, such as the high cost of deploying CCS technologies, requiring significant capital investment and infrastructure development, and problems with safe and long-term storage of CO2, requiring a guarantee that the gas will not leak back into the atmosphere. Limited geological reservoirs for CO2 storage may also limit the scale of application of this technology [8].

Sustainable agriculture includes farming practices that minimise negative environmental impacts, increase resource efficiency and contribute to the long-term maintenance of ecosystems. Such technologies include the use of sustainable plant varieties that require less water, fertiliser and pesticides and are more resistant to disease and climate change, the use of biological fertilisers and microbial-based pesticides instead of chemical ones, which reduces pollution of soil and water bodies. Also important are agroecological practices such as crop rotation, intercultural crops and organic farming, as well as water management technologies such as drip irrigation, which minimises water loss [9]. Sustainable agriculture plays a key role in combating climate change, as agriculture is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions. The use of sustainable technologies helps reduce methane (CH4) and nitrous oxide (N2O) emissions, and promotes carbon sequestration in soils (carbon sequestration). Moreover, these practices can increase agricultural resilience to climate change, which contributes to food security and sustainable development. However, there are a number of challenges such as the need to increase productivity given limited natural resources, and barriers to adopting sustainable practices in developing countries that lack the necessary infrastructure and financial resources. There is also resistance from traditional farmers who are not willing to adopt new practices because of the additional costs involved.

Bioremediation is a process in which microorganisms, plants or other living organisms are used to clean up contaminated ecosystems such as soil, water and air of toxic substances and pollutants. Bioremediation includes two main approaches: biodegradation, in which microorganisms degrade pollutants such as oil, heavy metals and chemicals, and phytoremediation, in which plants absorb, degrade or neutralise pollutants [10]. Bioremediation promotes ecosystem restoration by improving water and soil quality, which helps 8 carbon balance in natural ecosystems. The use of bioremediation can also reduce pollutants in the atmosphere, such as methane and carbon dioxide, and help reduce ecosystem pollution, which has a direct impact on climate change. However, problems with bioremediation include limited application to highly contaminated sites where the concentration of toxic substances is too high, a slow clean-up

process that takes time to observe and evaluate effectiveness, and the need to develop more effective bioremediation methods that can work on a large scale [11]

Biotechnologies provide a number of powerful tools in the fight against climate change. Implementing these technologies requires not only scientific and technical efforts, but also political will, investment and international co-operation. Despite the challenges, biotechnology has great potential to achieve sustainable development and improve the state of our planet.

Discussion. Existing economic mechanisms, such as government subsidies, tax incentives and innovation support programmes, play a key role in stimulating the development of environmentally friendly biotechnologies [12]. These instruments are aimed at creating favourable conditions for the introduction and development of technologies that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, use of renewable energy sources and improvement of environmental sustainability.

Table 2

Existing economic mechanisms incentivising the development of environmentally friendly biotechnologies:

Economic mechanism	Description	Examples of applications
Government subsidies	Government subsidies Direct financial support for the development and implementation of environmentally friendly technologies. Subsidies for the development of biofuels, carbon capture technologies, sustainable agriculture.	Grants for the development of biofuels, carbon capture technologies, sustainable agriculture.
Tax benefits	Tax exemptions or tax credits for environmental companies.	Tax incentives for businesses developing green technologies or for consumers of green goods.
Innovation support programmes	Grants, competitions and financial support for start-ups and small companies developing environmental technologies.	Competitions of innovative projects, state grants for research and development of environmentally friendly technologies.
Green bonds	Financial instruments for attracting investment in sustainable projects.	Issuing green bonds to finance carbon capture, renewable energy and ecosystem restoration projects.
Public and private funds	Financing of environmental start-ups, innovative projects in biotechnology through specialised funds.	Funds that support biotechnology startups, such as those creating sustainable agricultural technologies.

Government subsidies are direct financial support for companies developing environmentally friendly biotechnologies. They can be provided both at the research and development stage and at the stage of commercialisation of innovative products and technologies. Subsidies help to offset the high upfront costs associated with the introduction of new technologies, which can significantly reduce risks for companies and accelerate the process of implementing environmentally friendly solutions. For example, many countries provide subsidies for the development and implementation of biofuels, carbon capture technologies and sustainable agricultural technologies [13].

Tax incentives are also an important tool to stimulate innovation in biotechnology. They may include tax credits or tax exemptions for companies that develop and produce environmentally friendly technologies. Such measures allow companies to reduce their tax liabilities and redirect the savings to further investment in research and development. Some countries also offer tax incentives for consumers who purchase environmentally friendly products such as electric cars or renewable energy systems, which further stimulates demand for such products [14].

Innovation support programmes are an important element of government policy in the field of sustainable development. These programmes may include grants, competitions for the best innovative projects, and financial support for start-ups and small enterprises working in the field of biotechnology.

Such programmes involve both government agencies and private foundations aimed at developing sustainable technologies. They help not only to financially support companies, but also help to create an ecosystem of innovation where research and development finds practical application. Such programmes can range from the development of new biofuels to the introduction of sustainable agricultural technologies.

In addition, many countries are actively developing green bonds and other financial instruments that aim to attract private investment in environmentally sustainable projects. Such bonds make it possible to raise capital for projects related to biotechnology development, carbon capture, ecosystem restoration and other environmentally important initiatives [15].

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High initial investment is one of the main economic barriers to the development of environmentally friendly biotechnologies. The development and implementation of new technologies require significant capital investment at all stages, from research and development to the establishment of production facilities and infrastructure. For many small and medium-sized enterprises such costs are unaffordable, especially if we take into account the need for a long period to achieve commercial success [16]. For example, the development of new biofuels or carbon capture technologies requires not only financial investment in research, but also large investments in production capacity, testing and product certification. Without sufficient financial resources, companies may face financing challenges that slow down the innovation process and jeopardise the very viability of clean technologies. Unlike traditional industries, however, investments in biotechnology have a long-term perspective and often do not provide immediate results, making them less attractive to private investors focused on short-term returns.

Lack of infrastructure is also a major barrier to the development of green biotechnologies. In order for environmental technologies such as biofuels or carbon capture to operate effectively at a broad level, the availability of appropriate infrastructure is required: production facilities, transport networks, energy storage and distribution systems. However, in a number of countries and regions, such infrastructure is either underdeveloped or does not meet the current requirements for the introduction of new technologies [17]. For example, for the widespread use of biofuels, it is necessary to establish a system of supply and processing of agricultural raw materials, as well as to develop networks for its transportation and use at petrol stations or industrial facilities. Similarly, carbon capture technologies require specialised facilities for storing carbon dioxide in geological layers. The lack of such infrastructure hinders the spread of environmentally friendly solutions and limits their commercial application [18].

Regulatory uncertainty is an important policy barrier to the development of clean biotechnology. It often lacks clear and stable laws and standards, making it difficult for companies and investors alike to make long-term decisions. Lack of clarity in legal regulations can lead to unnecessary risks for those willing to invest in new technologies. For example, biofuels regulation can be fragmented, with different requirements in different countries, making it difficult to enter international markets and leaving a project vulnerable to potential regulatory changes. It may also be the case that legal frameworks aimed at protecting the environment do not take into account the specificities of new technologies, necessitating reassessment or legislative adjustments. These processes often lack the flexibility to accommodate rapidly changing conditions, and as a result, many companies and start-ups are afraid to invest in developments, that may face legal constraints.

Market uncertainty is another significant barrier faced by cleantech companies. The market for cleantech products and technologies is often unstable and subject to change due to fluctuations in demand and prices, as well as changes in government policies [19]. For example, government subsidies for biofuels or support for carbon capture technologies can change depending on the political situation in a country, resulting in unpredictability for businesses. Fluctuations in the price of raw materials such as oil or natural gas can also affect the demand for alternative energy technologies, reducing or increasing their competitiveness in the market. Under conditions of uncertainty, consumers and investors tend to be

cautious and may postpone their decisions to invest in or purchase green products, making it difficult for the market for these technologies to develop and grow.

Thus, all of these barriers - high initial investment, insufficient infrastructure, regulatory uncertainty and market instability - create serious obstacles to the widespread adoption of clean biotechnologies. Addressing these challenges requires a holistic approach, including infrastructure development, establishing clear and sustainable legal frameworks, and stimulating sustainable demand through economic and financial mechanisms.

The need for comprehensive and coordinated public policies aimed at removing existing barriers and creating favourable conditions for the sustainable development of biotechnological solutions is a key factor for the successful implementation of environmentally friendly technologies. In the context of a rapidly changing climate and increasing environmental threats, governments should actively intervene in the processes related to the development of innovative biotechnology solutions to ensure the transition to sustainable economic models and reduce environmental impact [20].

The first step in this policy should be the establishment of a clear and stable legal framework. Without clear and predictable legal regulations, investors and businesses will experience uncertainty and risk, which will slow down the adoption of new technologies. This requires measures that provide support for clean biotechnologies through a long-term development strategy that includes legal regulations that facilitate their adoption, as well as binding environmental standards that support the use of innovative and environmentally friendly solutions. Examples of such legislative initiatives could be standards for biofuels, carbon capture technologies, or the creation of regulations to reduce carbon emissions.

In addition, it is important to provide economic support for companies engaged in the development and implementation of environmentally friendly technologies. This could include subsidies for research and development, tax incentives for those who innovate, or support for start-ups working on sustainable technologies. At the public policy level, it is also important to protect intellectual property rights in order to stimulate innovation and attract private investment. Without such measures, the high upfront costs associated with developing new technologies can be an insurmountable barrier for many companies.

The development of infrastructure for sustainable biotechnologies should be an integral part of government policy. Without adequate facilities for the production, storage and processing of environmentally friendly products or technologies, such as biofuels or carbon capture, these technologies will not be able to spread widely. Building and upgrading such facilities will require significant investment, but in the long term it will create an enabling environment for innovation and commercialisation. For example, establishing a network for the distribution of biofuels and charging stations for electric vehicles or developing infrastructure for carbon storage will help increase the availability and diffusion of such technologies.

Special attention should also be paid to stimulating demand for environmentally friendly products through market mechanisms. This may include not only tax incentives and subsidies for consumers, but also "green procurement" programmes for public and private companies. Such measures will ensure demand for environmentally friendly products and services, which will create additional incentives for the development of appropriate technologies.

Integrated public policy should be flexible and adaptable to changes at the global level, including international cooperation in the field of ecology and biotechnology. Exchange of experience with other countries, participation in international agreements and initiatives, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, will accelerate the development and implementation of effective biotechnological solutions to combat climate change [21].

Thus, a comprehensive and coordinated public policy on biotechnology is not just a necessity, but a key component of successfully combating global environmental challenges. Government measures aimed at removing barriers and creating favourable conditions for sustainable biotechnology development will contribute to both reducing carbon footprints and creating new jobs, ensuring environmental and economic sustainability in the future.

Successfully combating climate change is only possible if innovative biotechnologies are actively supported at all levels, from research to commercialisation and implementation into everyday life. In the face of global environmental challenges such as rising temperatures, changing weather patterns and deteriorating ecosystems, biotechnology can be one of the most effective tools to combat these threats. However, for technologies to become not only successful at the scientific level, but also widely adopted into the

economy and everyday life, an integrated approach is required, including support at all stages of development and implementation.

Scientific research is the first and most important step in the development of innovative biotechnologies. Research helps to gain a deeper understanding of the processes occurring in nature and, based on this, to develop new solutions that can be used to solve environmental problems. It is important that academic institutions and research centres receive sufficient funding to develop new technologies such as biofuels, carbon capture, sustainable agricultural practices and bioremediation. This requires public and private investment that can support basic and applied research to create innovative solutions for climate protection.

In the second stage - commercialisation and implementation of biotechnologies - there is a need to create conditions for the transition from scientific development to mass production and practical application. In order to make innovative technologies available to a wide audience, it is necessary to create a supporting infrastructure to ensure the efficient production and distribution of these technologies. This includes the creation of production facilities, logistics chains, and a system of certification and standardisation of environmentally friendly products. Government support at this stage is also crucial: subsidies, tax breaks, grants and other financial instruments can significantly reduce risks for entrepreneurs and incentivise them to implement new solutions.

In addition, a key aspect is the introduction of innovative biotechnologies into everyday life. This requires not only the creation of convenient and efficient products, but also the development of consumer demand. An important step is to inform society about the benefits of environmentally friendly technologies, create favourable market conditions through legislative initiatives such as carbon taxation, green procurement, subsidies for the purchase of environmentally friendly products and other measures. Demand for such products will not only ensure the growth of the industry, but also put pressure on manufacturers to incentivise them to adopt environmentally friendly technologies.

In addition, effective support for innovation in biotechnology also requires the active involvement of the private sector. Private companies play an important role in commercialising innovations, developing new products and creating new markets. To this end, it is important that the government provides the conditions to attract private investment, for example through tax incentives for cleantech companies or support programmes for biotechnology start-ups.

Thus, the successful fight against climate change is not possible without active support for innovative biotechnologies at all stages of their development. From research to commercialisation and everyday implementation, each stage requires attention and support from government, the private sector and academic institutions. Only the coordinated efforts of all stakeholders will ensure the introduction of sustainable technologies that can significantly reduce the burden on the environment and accelerate the transition to sustainable development at the global level.

Conclusions. The conclusions on "Biotechnology in the fight against climate change: economic incentives and barriers" summarise several key aspects that demonstrate the relevance of biotechnology in addressing environmental challenges, as well as identifying the main challenges and ways to overcome them.

Firstly, biotechnologies such as biofuel development, carbon capture, sustainable agricultural technologies and bioremediation play a crucial role in the fight against climate change. These innovative solutions have enormous potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve environmental sustainability and transition to sustainable production models. Their implementation can significantly reduce the environmental burden on the planet and contribute to a more harmonious interaction between humans and nature.

Second, the successful implementation of these technologies is only possible with comprehensive and coordinated government policies. This includes the creation of clear and stable legal regulations, the promotion of economic mechanisms such as government subsidies, tax incentives and innovation support programmes, and the development of infrastructure for the deployment of clean technologies. All these measures are aimed at removing existing barriers and creating favourable conditions for the growth and commercialisation of clean technologies.

Third, despite their enormous potential, biotechnology faces a number of significant barriers. These include high initial investment, inadequate infrastructure, regulatory uncertainty and market instability. These barriers require active efforts by public and private actors to overcome them. To this end, it is important to develop more flexible and adaptive mechanisms to support innovation that will facilitate its adoption at all levels, from research to widespread application in industry and everyday life.

Finally, a successful fight against climate change is only possible if innovative biotechnologies are actively supported at all stages: from research to commercialisation and implementation. Comprehensive and consistent government support, along with the active involvement of the private sector and scientific organisations, will create the basis for the mass application of environmentally friendly technologies, which, in turn, will significantly reduce the impact on the climate and the environment.

In order to achieve sustainable development and effectively combat climate change, measures must be taken to ensure that biotechnology is integrated into the economy at all levels. This is the only way to ensure a future in which biotechnology is fully utilised to protect our planet.

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