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### ***Dear readers!***

The journal *Problems of Territory's Development* publishes articles addressing issues that require solutions at the national, regional, or municipal level. The scope of these issues is exceptionally broad, making the journal appealing to both emerging scholars and established academics. This, in turn, has enabled the journal to secure a strong position among Russian economic publications. Currently, the journal holds a K1 category in the list of the Higher Attestation Commission (VAK List), is included in the "White List", and forms part of the Russian Science Citation Index core.

Striving to keep pace with the times and reflect modern trends in the global, national, and regional economies, the editorial board continuously works to enhance the journal. We are currently updating our journal's concept, the main provisions of which will be presented in an upcoming issue. One key innovation will be the introduction of special thematic issues focusing on the most pressing challenges in territorial development. We believe this approach will allow for a more concentrated, in-depth, and multifaceted examination of specific territorial problems, attract leading Russian and potentially international experts as authors, and increase readership engagement, including among practitioners.

Without delaying this initiative, the editorial board has decided to dedicate this very issue to the topic of spatial development. This thematic choice is deliberate, as issues of spatial development are currently being actively discussed not only within the academic community but also by authorities at all levels.

This idea has been supported by the most renowned Russian scholars in this field. Their articles are featured in this issue, for which we are profoundly grateful.

We trust that the raised issues will be met with keen interest by our readership.