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## The Architecture and Infrastructure of the Great Reset A Study of the Transformation towards the Information Civilization A detailed description of the project

### 1. The subject-matter of the project

The subject-matter of the project is the Great Reset, which became the official agenda of the 50<sup>th</sup> annual World Economic Forum (WEF) in June 2020, officially dedicated to rebuilding societies and economies in a sustainable way after the COVID-19 pandemic. The Great Reset is a complex media phenomenon and, at the same time, a real process, already initiated in the mass media in recent years and included in the global changes taking place for decades or even centuries. The Great Reset has a multi-level and multi-faceted architecture as well as a digital and network infrastructure. From the outside it manifests itself in rapid transformations in almost every sphere of human life and relations, while seen from the inside, it is based on simulated information, innovation, and financial flows.

### 2. Justification of the project

Undertaking and conducting research on the Great Reset can be justified in a twofold way: theoretical-explanatory and practical-inspiring. From the theoretical point of view, society deserves access to verified data and in-depth explanations of the origins, essence, and functions of civilizational trends and global projects included in the Great Reset, while from the practical perspective, society needs, especially for economic reasons, reliable diagnoses and prognoses about the global situation in the near and distant future.

### 3. The purpose of the project

The aim of the research is to specify theoretically and to confront practically the civilizational trends and global projects that are part of the Great Reset seen as a continuation of the great transformation towards the global world order. Inspired for several centuries and implemented since the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the process of globalization is currently gaining a unique opportunity to accelerate and intensify under the influence of the use made by the media of the issues of global climate change, terrorism, and epidemiological and war threats. Overcoming those threats is believed to provide justification for the development and implementation of the global control architecture and infrastructure.

### 4. Sources of knowledge

The available information on the architectural plans, programs of action, and financial projects of the Great Reset is unsatisfactory. On the one hand, perfunctory official messages prevail, usually taking the form of instructions and, on the other hand, there are sensational media reports, while the published journalistic analyses vary in terms of credibility and precision. Taking into account these and other types of sources, it seems reasonable to prepare a comprehensive and interdisciplinary scientific study presenting the Great Reset in a long-term (historical) and (geographically) broad context of civilization. Accordingly, the sources of knowledge about the Great Reset include:

- a) tangible sources, concerning real causes, changes, and effects;
- b) the façade, attracting attention to apparent, secondary, and accidental issues.

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## 5. The situational context

The Great Reset is not, in the history of humankind, the first phenomenon of a similar name and content. It is also important that in the present study should be published as soon as possible; otherwise, most important problems may be disregarded and driven out from the social consciousness under the influence of accidentally or deliberately misleading information campaigns. Ultimately, few people will be interested to deal with it and, as a result, the civilizational trends and global enterprises involved in the Great Reset will proceed inevitably and uncontrollably, regardless of the assessment of their social usefulness and friendliness.

## 6. The title of the study

The Great Reset is a term used in the world economic, political, and technological journalism to denote globalization efforts undertaken for decades and accompanying transformations on a civilizational scale. Top-down efforts and bottom-up transformations are part of the great transformation that has been going on for over two centuries, which is now entering the phase of another, this time rapid and massive acceleration. It is apparent primarily in the technological, economic, and ideological spheres, the new world order interfering with national orders. The Great Reset is defined by initiatives such as the UN 2030 Agenda, i.e., a set of sustainable development goals from 2015. Adopted by all member states, it includes 17 sustainable development goals, 169 tasks, and 231 performance indicators, supplemented by the European Union with further indicators monitored by Eurostat.

## 7. Research tasks

The task of the research is to separate what is commonly and unanimously declared in global and national projects from what is effectively implemented. Officially, the projects and trends included in the Great Reset are focused on the economic sphere of the distribution of the capital for use, on the ideological level it aims at providing equal access to civilization benefits for all, while on the technological level it is oriented towards accelerating progress. On the other hand, less officially, the public is warned against economic, ideological, and technological dependence, subordination, and limitation, which this time reaches the global and total scale.

## 8. Research problem

In view of the emerging contradictions between what is declared and what is implemented in the Great Reset, e.g., regarding the announced capital distribution while limiting property rights, it is necessary to reveal the structure and explain the functions of the emerging global power and administration. Due to the complexity, variability, and behind-the-scenes nature of the examined objects and processes, it is necessary to undertake multi-area research consisting in the compilation of data from various fields and drawing conclusions about the relationships and dependencies between them. They indicate that the Great Reset is in part inspired ideologically from above, in part economically implemented from below, while being, to a large extent, made possible by technology. As such, the Great Reset is a result of cooperation between globally minded creators, engineers, and managers, as well as supporters of the idea, technology users, and service customers, who locally join in the process. The research problem is to determine the

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extent to which the Great Reset (including its causes and effects) is the result of top-down, polycentric, multi-level, and elitist planning, and the extent to which it is a bottom-up, spontaneous, enthusiastic, and mass involvement.

## 9. The scope of research

The Great Reset is a complex of global trends and, at the same time, an integrated project on a civilizational scale. The Great Reset has a three-fold origin: ideological, technological, and economic, and its effects extend to almost all areas of human individual and collective activity. The project is devoted to the most topical and momentous problems of the present day, namely the fate of humanity that is being decided. Empirical data and logical conclusions indicate the still unnoticed and unrecognized rule of the most totalitarian in history mechanisms and centers of control of human behavior, choices, emotions, and beliefs. This is possible thanks to the unprecedented type of regulation, the degree of penetration and the range of coordination of sensory experiences and mental projections of people who are unable to predict what is coming. In the course of the project, the following phrases will be explained: 1. architecture and infrastructure of the new world order; 2. the Great Reset on a civilizational scale; 3. the historical process of globalization; 4. global power and administration; 5. technological and information-related determination; 6. components of civilization in the process of transformation, 7. global information civilization.

## 10. Research method

The methodology used in the project includes a detailed analysis of data on the transformation of civilization components (parts II-IV) and a general synthesis of the research method (part I – introductory) and research results (part VII – summary).

The analysis of multi-area data on individual components of civilization in the course of transformation and its rapid acceleration under the influence of the reset will consist in determining the relationships between them. Compiling and correlating seemingly distant data is an inter-, multi-, and transdisciplinary approach. Such an approach will make it possible to propose a coherent and comprehensive synthesis, especially of the global phenomena and problems. The real phenomena and problems are not superficial and simple, but complex and conditioned by many factors. Their adequate treatment and in-depth explanation require a many-sided approach, unpopular and difficult in the specialized positivist convention of making science, focused on the answer how things are. Therefore, it is necessary to answer why they are shaped in this way and in any other. While rich empirical experience allows us to describe the world of the Great Reset era, it is only logical reasoning that enables its understanding. The latter is achieved by indicating the reasons among which the final cause (construction plan) is indicated by ideology, the exemplary cause (action program) is determined by technology, and the causative one (financial motivation project) is created by economy.

## 11. The problem

The project addresses widely significant and deeply engaging global demographic, technological, energy, food, and climate issues, as well as epidemiological risks not at the level of ideal speculations, but at that of real data about facts and relationships between them. For this reason, it must give rise to controversies, as well as -less rational – likes and dislikes. The title of the project "The Architecture and Infrastructure of

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the Great reset" refers to the newest formula of the world order, which is a continuation of the old utopias of enlightened government and administration of the world. On the one hand, it points to global needs engendered by several crises and, on the other hand, to the possibilities of global action provided by information technology tools. Real or fictitious, the challenges, and the successful or futile efforts that accompany them, escalate the process of globalization, which is the leading historical theme of the last centuries.

## 12. The result

The study of a double nature: an analytical investigation into the status of the Great Reset and a synthetic report on the accompanying circumstances. The goals are to investigate what this complex and extensive phenomenon is, and to interpret the consequences associated with it. Both goals will be achieved as part of the description and explanation of the Great reset. Since the past is already known and the future uncertain, the assessment of the Great Reset and its circumstances must be based on the past experience and should not rely on high-flown declarations. The Great Reset has partly been implemented, partly it is being implemented, but its largest part is still to come.