
Financial Inversion in Foreign Economic Activity as an Approach to Hidden Risk Assessment

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Abstract. *The article examines financial inversion in foreign economic activity (FEA) as a multifactorial process influencing the financial stability of enterprises in the context of the global economy. The specific features of this phenomenon are emphasised, as they significantly affect risk management in transnational operations. The study identifies currency volatility, geopolitical changes, and regulatory barriers as pivotal factors that intensify the challenges faced by enterprises, compelling them to explore novel financial planning approaches. It is shown that traditional risk management tools are insufficiently effective under conditions of high economic uncertainty, creating a demand for the implementation of adaptive models for managing financial flows. The article systematises conceptual approaches to the identification and assessment of hidden risks associated with financial inversion. Particular attention is paid to causal analysis methods that provide deeper insights into the nature of this phenomenon. The practical importance of tools such as economic and mathematical modelling and forecasting is considered, demonstrating their utility in determining the long-term consequences of financial inversions for enterprises engaged in FEA. The application of scenario analysis is highlighted as a crucial component for evaluating alternative risk management strategies. The study also focuses on the development of adaptive strategies to mitigate the impact of financial inversions on the outcomes of foreign economic activity. The research emphasises that such strategies should be grounded in the integration of contemporary technologies for big data analysis, the automation of risk management processes, and the utilisation of digital platforms for financial flow monitoring. These approaches have the dual benefits of risk minimisation and enhanced financial transparency in an international context. The findings of the study highlight the necessity to enhance financial inversion management tools with a view to mitigating their deleterious effect on the economic performance of enterprises. The proposed recommendations are designed to enhance business adaptability to changes in the external environment, increase competitiveness, and ensure sustainable development. The article's materials may be useful for professionals in international economics, financial management, and auditing, as well as for researchers studying risks in foreign economic activity.*

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1 Introduction

The financial inversion that arises in the context of foreign economic activity (FEA) represents a complex phenomenon wherein the transformation of financial flows is accompanied by hidden risks that significantly impact the efficiency of international operations while remaining beyond the scope of traditional analytical tools. This phenomenon, shaped by external environmental instability, currency fluctuations, geopolitical shifts, and the multi-layered

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The study of financial inversion is driven by its capacity to alter the financial stability of enterprises by influencing the structure of cash flows. In this way, hidden risks may not only distort the objectivity of financial indicators but also place substantial pressure on financial resources, complicating managerial decision-making. Consequently, the development of methodologies that integrate both quantitative and qualitative aspects of inversion assessment within the management system for FEA becomes particularly significant. In this context, each stage of financial operations is subjected to meticulous scrutiny, with potential risks being given due consideration.

Research into financial inversion in FEA is directed towards establishing new approaches to managing international financial flows. In this context, the consideration of hidden risks becomes an essential tool for ensuring enterprise stability and adapting to the conditions of high economic uncertainty.

2 Research Objective and Methodology

The objective of this study is to establish the theoretical foundations for managing financial inversions in foreign economic activity. This will be achieved by theoretically substantiating the risks associated with these phenomena and developing recommendations to mitigate their impact on the economic resilience of enterprises. The article focuses on revealing the nature of financial inversion as a multifaceted phenomenon, analysing its role in disrupting the expected financial outcomes of international operations.

The research methodology is based on theoretical analysis, encompassing the systematisation and generalisation of scientific literature that highlights the specifics of risks in foreign economic activity. The key mechanisms underlying financial inversion are formulated through the employment of methods of abstraction and deductive analysis. The emphasis is placed on examining the causal relationships between the structure of foreign economic operations, the dynamics of financial flows, and regulatory influences. This enables the justification of new approaches to their analysis. The study aims to develop conceptual models that offer a deeper understanding of the specifics of financial inversions without the inclusion of empirical data or practical testing.

3 Hidden Risks Assessment in the Process of Financial Inversion

The identification of latent risks within the process of financial inversion constitutes a pivotal component of the examination of the transformation of financial flows in the context of foreign economic activity (FEA). These risks have the potential to exert a substantial influence on the economic resilience of enterprises. In the context of financial inversion, hidden risks are not always apparent at the stage of contract conclusion or initial analysis, making them challenging to account for in managerial decision-making. These risks may manifest as unexpected financial losses due to currency fluctuations, regulatory changes, or incorrect estimation of costs and revenues, as well as indirect consequences that emerge over time.

The significance of evaluating such risks lies in an enterprise's capacity to proactively identify potential threats and adapt its strategies to the evolving conditions of the international environment. This necessitates the utilisation of sophisticated economic-mathematical models that are capable of accounting for the multidimensional nature of financial flows and that enable the evaluation of risks not only through direct indicators but also by means of analysing indirect interconnections. The development of tools for such assessment facilitates not only the minimisation of financial losses but also the enhancement of transparency and predictability in foreign economic activities.

The presence of hidden risks in foreign economic transactions can be considered a complex and multidimensional phenomenon, which is difficult to identify using standard financial analysis methods. These risks frequently manifest in a latent manner, materialising not immediately but during or after the execution of transactions, a characteristic that renders them especially hazardous to the financial stability of enterprises. In the context of FEA, these hidden risks can arise at various levels, from operational to strategic, complicating the management of financial flows and reducing the predictability of outcomes.

The nature of hidden risks is directly related to the multifactorial environment of foreign economic activity, where economic, political, regulatory and socio-cultural factors interact. In FEA transactions, risks may arise from information asymmetries between parties, the complexity of interpreting contractual obligations, or the ambiguity of delivery and payment terms. For example, in international contracts for the supply of goods or services, risks may arise from differences in regulatory standards between countries, different approaches to taxation or even language barriers, which may provide a

basis for misinterpretation or deliberate distortion of contractual terms.

At the same time, hidden risks have a significant currency component, as FEA involves transactions in different currencies. Currency risks arising from unanticipated exchange rate fluctuations can drastically alter the financial results of transactions, even if they were initially assessed as profitable. This is particularly the case for long-term contracts, where the exchange rate difference between the date the contract is signed and the date it is executed can have a significant impact on profitability.

Regulatory risks constitute a substantial proportion of the hidden threats present in FEA. These are associated with changes in customs legislation, tax regimes, or the introduction of sanctions. For instance, sudden increases in customs tariffs or alterations to export quotas can result in unanticipated costs that were not factored into the planning stage. In such circumstances, enterprises often lack the ability to promptly adapt their strategies, resulting in significant financial losses.

Hidden risks may also arise from the characteristics of the counterparties to transactions. For example, the risk of counterparty insolvency or default is one

of the most common in international practice. The lack of complete and reliable information about a counterparty's financial strength or reputation significantly increases the likelihood of negative outcomes. This is also the case if the counterparty is found to be involved in financial fraud or complex tax evasion schemes, which could lead to legal or financial problems for the other party.

Particular attention should be paid to the impact of technological risks on FEA transactions. In today's digitised environment, a significant proportion of international agreements are concluded and executed via electronic platforms, creating new opportunities for abuse. Cyber threats related to data breaches, forgery of electronic documents or disruption of payment systems are among the fastest growing risks. Their covert nature is due to the difficulty of detecting these threats before they occur, making it difficult to prevent potential adverse consequences.

The systemisation of hidden risks in the FEA is presented in Table 1, which categorises these risks and their impact on transactions.

The impact of hidden risks on foreign trade transactions is manifested in both the short and long

Table 1 Typology of hidden risks in foreign economic activity and their impact on transactions

Type of risk	Characteristics	Sources of origin	Impact on transactions
Financial risks	Uncertainty related to exchange rate fluctuations, changes in tax rates, or financing conditions	Currency fluctuations, changes in interest rates, irregular financial flows	Increased transaction costs, reduced profitability, complications in fulfilling contractual obligations
Regulatory risks	Changes in legal or tax regulations affecting contract execution	Introduction of new taxes, customs duties, sanctions, or changes in the regulation of international trade	Growth of administrative expenses, risk of legal violations, operational halts
Operational risks	Issues related to agreement execution due to technical, logistical, or organisational factors	Mismatch in logistical capabilities, delivery delays, technical failures	Delays in contract execution, reduced trust in the enterprise, penalties from counterparties
Currency risks	Currency fluctuations impacting the value of international transactions	Volatility in currency markets, economic instability in partner countries	Decline in financial performance due to exchange rate differences, disruption of financial plans
Technological risks	Risks associated with the implementation or use of digital technologies in transaction processes	Failures of electronic platforms, cyber threats, data breaches	Data security breaches, operational stoppages, financial penalties due to the loss of confidential information
Reputational risks	The impact of negative market perception of a company due to issues with transaction execution or their consequences	Non-compliance with environmental standards, breach of contractual obligations, legal disputes	Decreased trust from counterparties, restricted market access, financial losses due to customer attrition

Source: systematised by the author based on (Honchar, 2017; Diuhovanets, 2016; Rybakova, 2017; Savkiv, Sydor & Tymkiv, 2022)

term. In the short term, they can result in financial losses due to unfulfilled contractual obligations, increased costs or exchange rate fluctuations. In the longer term, hidden risks can damage a company's reputation, reduce its attractiveness as an investor, or create additional financial burdens through the accumulation of indirect costs associated with correcting erroneous decisions.

It is therefore vital to adopt a systematic approach to the analysis and identification of hidden risks in foreign economic activity. The influence of these risks on transactions is influenced by two factors. Firstly, the professional expertise of enterprise specialists is important. Secondly, the application of modern risk management methods is also important in preventing and mitigating negative consequences. The integration of quantitative and qualitative methodologies in the assessment of risk is imperative for the effective management of international operations, thereby ensuring financial stability and the success of enterprises in the global environment.

The management of hidden risks in foreign economic activity, particularly in the context of financial inversion, necessitates not only their identification but also the utilisation of effective methodological tools to adapt to the perpetually evolving international market environment. The inherent complexity of financial inversion, characterised by its latent nature and multifactorial characteristics, necessitates a multifaceted approach to risk analysis, integrating theoretical and practical methodologies for their identification. A detailed consideration of methodological foundations is therefore required for the identification of hidden risks, laying a robust foundation for their further mitigation.

The methodological approaches to identifying hidden risks during financial inversion are based on the interconnection of theoretical principles of financial flow analysis, economic theories of uncertainty, and practical risk management tools. In the context of foreign economic activity, hidden risks are characterised as those that are not apparent during the initial stages of transactions or arise due to complex systemic interrelations among financial, regulatory, and operational factors.

Financial inversion amplifies these risks and introduces additional uncertainty by distorting traditional patterns of financial flow dynamics. For example, situations where expected economic benefits are offset by indirect or long-term losses require a deeper analysis than that provided by traditional risk assessment approaches. Such phenomena may relate to unfavourable exchange rate movements, hidden costs of contract performance, changes in regulatory conditions, or

even external factors that are initially perceived as insignificant.

The methodological framework for the identification of latent risks should incorporate a multidisciplinary approach, combining quantitative and qualitative analysis methods. Of particular note is the critical use of econometric models, which facilitate risk forecasting based on substantial datasets, the analysis of multidimensional relationships between financial flows, and the identification of latent factors with the potential to influence outcomes.

The identification of risk requires the integration of scenario analysis tools, which facilitate the assessment of potential consequences of risk realisation under various conditions. For instance, the modelling of scenarios involving exchange rate fluctuations or tax rate changes allows for the evaluation of direct financial losses, as well as the identification of additional costs that may impact enterprise stability in the long run.

The systematization of methodological approaches to identifying hidden risks in the process of financial inversion is presented in Table 2.

The methodological approaches to identifying hidden risks in the process of financial inversion aim to ensure flexibility, accuracy, and systematic analysis. The implementation of such methodological approaches engenders conditions conducive to the timely responses to potential threats and the minimisation of their impact on the outcomes of foreign economic activity.

4 Strategies for Managing Financial Inversion and Minimising Hidden Risks in Foreign Economic Activity

Financial inversions, as phenomena that distort the expected results of foreign economic operations, complicate the forecasting and management of financial flows. This uncertainty requires the integration of risk management tools that not only analyse known risks but also identify hidden threats. In this context, effective management becomes a multi-level process that combines preventive analysis, the development of adaptive strategies and the implementation of innovative technologies for real-time risk monitoring.

The specific nature of risk management in the context of financial inversions is characterised by the necessity to address latent phenomena that possess a systemic and indirect impact. To this end, there is a necessity to devise integrative management models that take into account not only internal processes but also external factors, including global market dynamics, regulatory changes, and counterparty actions.

Table 2 Methodological approaches
to identifying hidden risks in the process of financial inversion

Methodological approach	Essence of the approach	Tools and methods
Economic and mathematical modelling	The use of mathematical models to forecast risks and assess their impact on financial outcomes	Regression analysis, econometric models, scenario analysis
Scenario analysis	Evaluation of the consequences of implementing various scenarios related to risks	"What-if" method, SWOT analysis, financial scenario building
Sensitivity analysis	Identification of key parameters that have the greatest influence on the level of risks in financial inversion	Determination of threshold values, modelling the impact of changes in individual factors
Factor analysis	Examination of the relationships between financial indicators and risk factors	Correlation analysis, multifactor models, cluster analysis
Risk management	A comprehensive risk management system utilising tools for identification, assessment, and response	Risk maps, diversification methods, risk insurance, hedging currency operations

Source: systematised by the author based on (Hrytsai, Defir & Kozak, 2024)

The following directions should be considered when integrating risk management tools for the purpose of managing financial inversions and minimising hidden risks in foreign economic activity (Tytenko, 2020; Diuhovanets, 2016; Zhyvko, Rassadnykova, Zhyvko, & Shehynska, 2024; Tytenko, Kyziun & Pechnikov, 2022; Topolnytska, 2013):

1. Identification of "bottlenecks" in financial inversions

The management of financial inversions commences with the identification of points in foreign economic operations where the probability of risks is highest. These may include negotiation stages with counterparties, the evaluation of contract terms, or transactions involving complex supply chains. In such cases, it is imperative that risk management be proactive in its approach, with a focus on identifying areas of greatest uncertainty.

2. Dynamic risk management

An innovation in risk management approaches is the dynamic method, which takes into account the variability of risks over time and their dependence on external conditions. For example, currency risks, traditionally analysed using hedging instruments, are now assessed in the light of geopolitical decisions that can abruptly alter exchange rate trends.

3. Implementation of neural network systems

In lieu of conventional statistical models, there has been an increasing tendency to utilise systems based on neural networks. These tools are capable of analysing large volumes of unstructured data, thereby enabling the prediction of risks based on historical trends and atypical patterns in counterparty behaviour or market indicators.

4. Focus on hybrid solutions

Hybrid solutions combine traditional risk management approaches, such as scenario analysis or stress testing, with modern technological capabilities. To illustrate this, the implementation of risk map systems in digital platforms enables real-time synchronisation of financial risk information, thereby significantly reducing the time required to make decisions.

5. Integration of ESG factors into risk management

A novel aspect of risk management is the consideration of ESG factors (environmental, social, governance). In the context of foreign economic activity, these factors have the potential to engender novel risks or opportunities. For instance, non-compliance with environmental standards by counterparties may create reputational risks for the enterprise, while adherence to international ecological norms can result in the opening of new markets.

6. Communication effectiveness in risk management

A key element is to establish a system of internal and external communication that effectively manages the risks involved in financial inversions. A lack of transparency or delayed exchange of information between the parties to a transaction can increase risks, whereas structured communication helps to minimise their impact.

The integration of risk management tools into the processes of analysing and managing financial inversions has become a vital component of modern enterprises' strategies. This integration facilitates not only risk assessment but also the establishment of effective adaptation mechanisms to constantly

changing conditions. The integration of innovative technologies, hybrid approaches, and ESG factor integration strategies enables enterprises to minimise losses, maintain competitiveness, and enhance resilience in complex global market conditions.

In the context of globalised economic processes and growing external challenges, financial inversions have emerged as a key phenomenon affecting enterprise stability. The development of strategic adaptation mechanisms to this phenomenon necessitates a systematic approach that considers various aspects of foreign economic activity, including financial flexibility, technological integration, risk management, and the formation of partnerships. To achieve effective adaptation, enterprises must clearly define strategies applicable depending on their specific activities and the risks associated with financial inversions (see Table 3).

A holistic approach is represented by strategic mechanisms for adapting enterprises to financial inversions, integrating financial, technological, and organisational aspects. Each proposed direction enables enterprises to maintain stability in the global environment by mitigating risks and enhancing the flexibility of their operations. The integration of these mechanisms is pivotal in minimising the impact of financial inversions

and generating competitive advantages, enabling enterprises to function effectively even in high-risk environments. The implementation of such strategies is therefore expected to result in long-term growth and financial stability for businesses.

5 Conclusions

The study of the nature of financial inversions and their impact on enterprises' foreign economic activities highlights the importance of a comprehensive approach to managing this phenomenon. Financial inversion, in its multidimensional and complex nature, gives rise to latent risks that not only distort financial flows but also exert a substantial influence on enterprises' strategic decisions within the international environment. In this context, the integration of risk management tools, the development of strategic adaptation mechanisms, and the adoption of innovative technologies are fundamental to ensuring financial stability and long-term development.

The identification of hidden risks, the development of adaptive strategies and the use of digital tools enable companies to respond promptly to challenges related to instability in the external environment, currency fluctuations and regulatory changes. Integrating ESG standards and embracing sustainable development principles strengthens

Table 3 Strategic mechanisms for enterprise adaptation to financial inversions

Adaptation direction	Mechanism's essence	Effect of application
Financial diversification	Distribution of financial flows across different markets, currencies, and instruments to mitigate risk	Minimising the impact of currency fluctuations; predictability of financial outcomes
Currency risk hedging	Use of financial instruments to protect against adverse currency exchange rate fluctuations	Speed of data processing, reduced risk of errors, and forecasting potential financial inversions
Automation of financial management	Application of digital platforms and systems for monitoring and managing financial flows	Ensuring financial stability under risk conditions; readiness for unforeseen circumstances
Creation of financial reserves	Formation of reserves to cover potential losses from financial inversions	Building trust and ensuring stable co-operation conditions
Partnership interaction	Establishment of long-term relationships with reliable counterparties to minimise contract execution risks	Reducing reputational risks, gaining access to new markets, and increasing attractiveness to investors
ESG integration	Implementation of environmental, social, and governance standards in the company's operations	Preparation for various scenarios of situational development; enhancing the flexibility of managerial decisions
Scenario analysis and forecasting	Development of scenario models with assessments of their impact on the company's financial flows	Increasing productivity, reducing costs, and preparing for future challenges
Investment in innovations	Introduction of advanced technologies and solutions to enhance the company's resilience to external challenges	Minimising the impact of currency fluctuations; predictability of financial outcomes

Source: systematised by the author based on (Arif-Ur-Rahman & Inaba, 2020; Breuer & Ruiz de Vargas, 2021; Chen & Kim, 2023; Michael B. Devereux & Changhua, 2020)

companies' reputational resilience and opens up new opportunities for international operations.

It is evident that effective management of financial inversions necessitates a systemic approach that integrates financial diversification, risk analysis, scenario forecasting, and strategic planning. Enterprises can minimise the impact of financial

inversions and leverage them as opportunities to enhance their competitiveness in the global environment by implementing comprehensive, multi-level approaches. This approach establishes the foundations for sustainable development, ensuring businesses' flexibility and resilience in the dynamic conditions of the modern economy.

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