



ACADEMY OF ECONOMICS "D. A. TSENOV" - SVISHTOV

REVIEW

For obtaining an educational and scientific degree "Doctor"
by professional field 3.8. Economy,
doctoral program "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity
(accounting)"
according to a procedure announced by SA "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov

This review is prepared according to the sample structure for the form and content of a review, written by a member of a scientific jury, for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" according to a procedure announced by SA "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov.

Reviewer: *Prof. Dr. Atanas Blazhev Atanasov*, scientific specialty "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity", member of the Department of Accounting in Academy of Economics "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov and a member of a scientific jury, according to Order № 300 / 31.05.2021 of the Rector of SA "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov, in accordance with the provision of Art. 70 of the Regulations for the development of the academic staff in Academy of Economics "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov, decision of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Business Accounting (Minutes № 9 / 31.05.2021) and decision of a meeting of the Scientific Jury from 09.06.2021 (Minutes № 1 / 09.06.2021).

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Dissertation topic: *„Current accounting problems in the cash execution of the state and municipal budgets in banks”*

Dissertation supervisor: *Assoc. Prof. Ventsislav Vechev*

I. General characteristics of the dissertation:

The purpose of the dissertation is based on a thorough and detailed description of budget revenues and budget expenditures as reporting objects, to outline the current accounting problems in the cash execution of state and municipal budgets.

The object of research in the dissertation is the cash realization of the state and municipal budgets in the system of bank reporting units.

The subject of the scientific research are the accounting aspects in the cash execution of the state and municipal budgets in the banks in our country.

The main thesis of the study is that there are reservations regarding the accounting characteristics of revenues and payments in the system of state and municipal budgets in banks, such as "revenues" and "expenditures", as is currently the practice in our country. From the point of view of the property and financial condition of the banks these funds are kept in open bank accounts with holders - budget organizations, therefore in accordance with the established principles of accounting theory and the provisions of the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting it is appropriate to reflect them. as an attracted resource (liability).

The volume of development is 200 standard pages and consists of: title page; contents (1 page); introduction (7 pages); exposition (three chapters), (181 pages); conclusion (2 pages); declaration for originality of the dissertation (1 page) and list of used literature (bibliographic reference) (incl. 97 literary sources in Bulgarian, English and Russian, normative acts and electronic sources), (7 pages).

The introduction highlights the relevance, purpose, tasks, object and subject of the research, and formulates the research thesis. The methodology of the research, the scope of the empirical studies and the existing limitations in the course of the activity are indicated.

The first chapter characterizes the budget as a reporting object. In this regard, the budget system of the Republic of Bulgaria, incl. the compilation, adoption and reporting of the state budget, municipal budgets and the functioning of the settlement systems in our country. The role of the banking system in the implementation of state and municipal budgets is analyzed. The theoretical and methodological peculiarities of the accounting process in the units of the banking system in the Republic of Bulgaria are studied.

The second chapter outlines the accounting aspects of the state budget in the units of the banking system. Emphasis is placed on the revenues and expenditures of the state budget as a reporting object in the banking system. The

organization of the cash realization of the state budget in the banks, the problems and the possibilities for optimization in accounting of the cash execution of the state budget in the units of the banking system and the practical-applied aspects in the reporting of the European Union funds and the accounts for foreign funds in the banking system.

The third chapter presents the accounting aspects of municipal budgets in the units of the banking system. The characteristics of the relations between the municipalities and the banks are analyzed. The peculiarities of the revenues and expenditures of the municipalities as a reporting object in the banking system are presented. Problems and possibilities for optimization in accounting of the cash execution of the municipal budgets in the units of the banking system are discussed.

The conclusion summarizes the results of the research.

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II. Assessment of the form and content of the dissertation:

The proposed dissertation is characterized by a clearly defined object, subject, goal, tasks and a successfully formulated and well-argued research thesis. This gives grounds to define it not only as a completed current study, but also as a timely and necessary attempt to adequately respond to current theoretical and applied needs in relation to current accounting problems in the cash execution of state and municipal budgets in banks in our country. .

The methodology of the research is correctly applied, highlighting problems and proposing ways to solve them, making appropriate analyzes, summaries, conclusions and recommendations. The author's ideas and opinions are unambiguously outlined in the exhibition.

In carrying out the research, adequate scientific tools are reasonably used, as well as successfully formed illustrative material in the form of figures.

Structurally, technically and stylistically, the work is at a very good level. The individual parts of the dissertation are logically connected and as a whole its volume is optimal. This gives an opportunity to substantiate (argue) and defend the research thesis in theoretical and practical-applied aspect.

The literature sources and the current normative documents in the course of the research were used in good faith. This fact is also confirmed by the declaration of the author for the originality of the dissertation attached to the abstract.

From the lists of publications on the topic of the dissertation (4 copies) and of participations in scientific forums (5 copies) handwritten by the doctoral

student included in the documentation on the procedure, it is clear that the main aspects of the content of the researched issues are made available to the specialized audience.

The abstract reflects objectively, clearly, accurately and completely the content of the dissertation and accurately presents its positive qualities. The configuration of his presentation corresponds to the logical axis of the study.

III. Scientific and scientific-applied contributions of the dissertation:

The following **scientific and scientific-applied contributions** stand out in the dissertation:

- The role of the units of the banking system in our country in the process of cash execution of the state and municipal budgets is thoroughly and arguably studied. As a result, the functions of the Bulgarian National Bank have been systematized with regard to the cash execution of the state budget on a current and management basis in order to streamline the activities of this institution.

- As a result of theoretical and applied research, the importance of the accounting system as a basic information system in order to manage the process of cash execution of state and municipal budgets is outlined. The author's opinion is expressed and substantiated that the biggest advantage of the accounting process in banks is the high level of timeliness of the created information, which is the basis for the implementation of effective management.

- Based on a critical analysis of the current provisions on the reporting of the cash execution of the state and municipal budgets in banks and the reference to the opinions of scientists who have worked in this field, the opinion is argued that from the point of view of bank accounting. reporting process these funds represent an attracted resource. In the outlined context, it is proposed to use synthetic accounting accounts, which correspond more fully both to the nature of this reporting object and to the provisions of the applicable legislation (Public Finance Act).

- The relationship between revenues and expenditures in the state and municipal budgets has been studied. As a consequence, it is concluded that the terms "expenditure" and "cash budget expenditure" are not identical in terms of accounting in banks. As an object of accounting, the cash budget expenditures in the state and municipal budgets represent reductions of the attracted funds by making payments from the respective accounts.

- Argued author's ideas related to the optimization of the process of analytical reporting of budget expenditures in banks in order to streamline the practical implementation of this process are presented.

- An author's opinion has been formed and substantiated that the costs of banks for the implementation of cash execution of budgets should be borne by budget entities that are direct users of banking information for this process, as in practice credit institutions are market-oriented enterprises.

IV. Critical comments, recommendations and questions:

With regard to the development, the following **remarks and recommendations** can be made, which do not underestimate its positive qualities:

- Despite the expressed desire for reasoned derivation of the author's opinions, some of them still feel the need for a more in-depth theoretical and applied justification, in order to minimize their declarative nature;

- In some places in the exhibition the predominance of the descriptive over the research character is allowed;

I would like to kindly recommend the doctoral student to continue and expand his research on this interesting and debatable subject.

As for the dissertation, I would like to ask the following question:

- How does the doctoral student see in perspective the practical realization of the possibilities for solving the main accounting problems in the cash execution of the state and municipal budgets in the banks in our country?

V. Summary conclusion and opinion:

In conclusion, it can be summarized that the dissertation "*Current accounting problems in the cash execution of state and municipal budgets in banks*" contains scientific and scientific-applied results that represent an original contribution to science and meet the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for application of ZRASRB and the relevant Regulations of Academy of Economics "D. A. Tsenov"- Svishtov.

The dissertation shows that PhD student *Stanislav Ivanov Shishmanov* has in-depth theoretical knowledge and professional skills in the doctoral program "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity (accounting)", demonstrating abilities and opportunities for independent research.

All this gives me a reason to express my *positive opinion* and to recommend to the esteemed scientific jury to vote for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the professional field 3.8. "Economics", doctoral program "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity (accounting)" by *Stanislav Ivanov Shishmanov*.

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Reviewer:.....
(Prof. Dr. At. Atanasov)