

## OPINION

of a dissertation for awarding the educational and scientific degree of Doctor at D. A.  
Tsenov Academy of Economics – Svishtov

**Prepared the opinion:** Prof. Nadya Velinova-Sokolova, PhD, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

**Author of the dissertation:** Kiril Ivanov Luchkov, PhD student in full-time study in the Professional Field 3.8. Economics, Doctoral programme "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity (accounting)" at the Department of Accounting, D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics – Svishtov

**Dissertation title:** THEORITICAL AND APPLIED ASPECTS OF ANNUAL PERIODIC REPORTING IN NON-FINANCIAL ENTERPRISES

**The reason for submitting the opinion:** Order № 233/29.03.2024 for the commencement of a procedure for the public defence of a dissertation titled: "Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Annual Periodic Reporting in Non-Financial Enterprises" and the approval of the composition of the Scientific Committee, as well as the Decision of the Scientific Committee of first meeting held on 08.04.2024.

### I. General characteristics of the dissertation:

The total volume of the dissertation is 243 pages. It is structured into an introduction (8 pages), argument in three chapters (190 pages) and a conclusion (5 pages). There are 6 appendices with a total of 27 pages. The information in the dissertation is visualized in 10 figures and 28 tables. The bibliography consists of 101 sources, including 91 in Bulgarian and 10 in foreign languages.

The **object** of this dissertation is the annual periodic reporting in non-financial enterprises, and the **subject** – the possibilities of the metricized result of the enterprise's activity. The **aim** of the dissertation is to examine the theoretical aspects and outline practical guidelines and strategies for improving the periodic accounting and reporting process with a focus on achieving higher transparency, sustainability and competitiveness of non-financial enterprises in the modern economy. Five clearly defined objectives have been set for its achievement. The main research **thesis** defended in the dissertation is that annual periodic reporting in non-financial enterprises represents a key process that not only reflects the financial aspects of their activity, but also requires systematic analysis and optimization, with the aim of improving corporate governance and attracting potential investors. Empirical

research and observations carried out in 30 joint-stock companies with different objects of activity, operating in the non-financial sector, entered in the Commercial Register and the Register of Non-Profit Legal Entities in Bulgaria. The research limitations have been accurately specified.

*After careful review of the dissertation, I believe that the set goal and objectives have been achieved and the research thesis has been defended.*

## **II. Assessment of the form and content of the dissertation.**

The topic regarding the applied aspects of annual periodic reporting in non-financial enterprises is highly important and concurrently relevant in the context of the global market-economic environment and the continuous updates of accounting standards and regulations. The structure of the dissertation meets the requirements and good research practices have been adhered to. It is logically coherent.

In the **introduction** of the dissertation, the relevance and practical significance of the study are substantiated. The object, subject, aim and objectives are defined. The research thesis, defended in the dissertation, is formulated. The methodology of the research and research limitations are presented.

The **first chapter** outlines the theoretical requirements for annual financial reporting. The specifics of periodicity as a component of accounting policy in non-financial enterprises, the technological characteristics of annual periodic reporting, as well as the main focuses of internal control in the context of annual periodic reporting, are discussed.

The **second chapter** identifies and analyzes specific requirements for presenting information in general purpose financial statements. Emphasis is placed on the specificities of impairment of financial assets in accordance with the requirements of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. Concrete examples demonstrating the applicability of the discussed issue are provided.

The **third chapter** stands out with its analysis of the financial state and challenges in distribution of dividends. It presents the results of the empirical research on the financial state using the models for comprehensive assessment of 30 joint-stock companies. Problematic areas of the financial state are derived from the obtained results. In this regard, this chapter has a practical-applied character.

The abstract accurately presents the dissertation. It has a total volume of 42 pages and is structured as follows: general characteristic of the dissertation; structure and content of the dissertation; concise presentation of the content of the dissertation; reference of scientific contributions in the dissertation; list of publications related to the topic of the dissertation;

reference of meeting the minimum national requirements for obtaining the educational and scientific degree of Doctor; and a declaration of originality of the dissertation. Regarding the dissertation topic, publications include: 3 articles, one of which is co-authored and 2 papers. Two of these have been published in indexed and refereed journals, while the remaining one is in an unrefereed publication with scientific review. Portions of the dissertation have been presented at scientific forums, including those outside of D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics – Svishtov.

### **III. Scientific and scientific-applied contributions of the dissertation.**

The contributions presented in the abstract, both in terms of scientific and applied aspects, accurately showcase the researched problems and the achieved results outlined in the dissertation. I fully agree with the contributions presented in this way, as follows:

1. the factors influencing the development of a modern model of accounting policy have been systematized and its role for the purposes of annual periodic reporting has been analyzed ;
2. through the author's own research, it has been proven that the provision matrix as a method for implementing the simplified impairment approach is more accessible for application in short-term trade receivables (with a maturity of up to 12 months) than in long-term trade receivables;
3. the significance of related party information (method and degree of disclosure) in the course of the preparation and presentation of the general purpose financial statements has been argued and analyzed;
4. the problem areas in the implementation of the annual periodic reporting have been identified and opportunities for improving the organization and technology of the procedures in the accounting and reporting process have been proposed;
5. by means of the proposed toolkit for establishing the financial state, it is possible to prepare forecasts for the future development of the independent economic activity of the enterprise.

### **IV. Dissertation related questions.**

I don't have specific questions for the PhD student, but I would recommend further development in databases such as Web of Science, Scopus, etc. indexed publications, as well as continuing active participation in scientific research projects, international conferences and seminars to popularize the results of his research.

**V. Summary evaluation of the dissertation and conclusion.**

The submitted dissertation by **Kiril Luchkov** is an original and appropriate scientific study, contributing both to theoretical knowledge and practical applications. It fully meets the minimum requirements set forth by the Law for the Development of Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of LDASRB and the relevant Regulations of D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics – Svishtov. Based on the above, I express a **positive opinion** and recommend to the esteemed members of the Scientific Committee to support the awarding of the educational and scientific degree of Doctor to Kiril Ivanov Luchkov in the Professional Field 3.8. Economics.

30 April 2024

Prepared the opinion:

(Prof. Nadya Velinova-Sokolova, PhD)