



УНИВЕРСИТЕТ ЗА НАЦИОНАЛНО И СВЕТОВНО СТОПАНСТВО

О P I N I O N

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Subject: dissertation for the award of educational and scientific
Doctor's degree in Economics and Management
(Agrarian Economics)" in SA "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov.

Grounds for presenting the opinion: participation in the scientific jury for the defense of the dissertation according to Order № 1043 / 02.12.2021 of the Rector of SA "DA Tsenov", Svishtov

Author of the dissertation: Rosen Kostadinov Kotsev

Topic of the dissertation: **FLUCTUATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS IN BULGARIA**

I. General presentation of the dissertation

The dissertation was discussed and proposed for defense under the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria from the Department of Agrarian Economics at the Academy of Economics "Dimitar A. Tsenov" - Svishtov.

- 1. Object** - rural areas with their specifics, differences, fluctuations and concrete results, reflecting the application of individual measures of the Rural Development Program.
- 2. Subject** - the manifested and emerging fluctuations in rural areas in Bulgaria under the influence of various factors, including in the context of the implementation and influence of the Rural Development Program with the relevant measures and axes.
- 3. Volume** - The dissertation is of 177 pages.
- 4. Structure** - The structure of the dissertation consists of an introduction, an exposition in three chapters, and a conclusion.
- 5. References** - The literature contains 114 sources, of which 44 in Cyrillic, 32 in Latin, 22 legal documents and 16 Internet sources.
- 6. Appendices** - The appendices are four in number and cover 10 pages.

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

1. assessment of the topicality and development of researched in the dissertation scientific problem

The dissertation deals with current issues dedicated to the analysis of the state and potential for development of rural areas in the context of overcoming the fluctuations in them. The research is based on an in-depth review of the scientific literature and the problems of practice. The research thesis is well formulated, and the necessary connection with the formulated four hypotheses, goals and objectives of the dissertation has been achieved. The proposed and skillfully formulated hypotheses in sufficient volume and in an appropriate way are proved in the dissertation.

The indicated subject and object of the dissertation correspond to the formulated thesis, goal and tasks. The limitations of the study and its scope are correctly stated.

The first chapter presents the theoretical and institutional foundations for rural development. A detailed description is made and the problems in the development of the rural areas and the RDP are presented as an instrument of the CAP for their development.

In the second chapter the detection and analysis of the main preconditions for the occurrence of fluctuations in rural areas can be positively assessed. For this purpose, the problems related to the selection of beneficiaries, axes and support measures are presented. The problems for implementation of the measures during the first and second programming period are also presented.

The third chapter of the dissertation substantiates the possibilities for overcoming the fluctuations in the development of rural areas, based on the analysis of the implementation of the executed RDP and optimization of the RDP activities by types of beneficiaries and program effects on rural areas. The use of the possibilities of the regional analysis for assessing the effects of the public support for avoiding the fluctuations in the development of the rural areas in Bulgaria deserves high praise.

The conclusion presents in summary form the main results of the whole study, as well as the confirmation of the thesis.

2. opinion about the language, volume and tools of the dissertation.

Scientific style with rich language and expression is used. The dissertation is balanced and in an volume that allows the realization of the tasks and the thesis.

3. opinion on the extent to which the abstract reflects accurately and fully the dissertation.

The abstract is structured according to the sections of the dissertation and meets the regulatory requirements.

III. Scientific and scientifically applied contributions to the dissertation.

1. whether the proposed text contains new scientific ideas and results with an opinion on their significance.

I accept the report on the contributions of the dissertation, which accurately covers the main results. The most important contributing moments contained in the dissertation are related to:

- Further development and enrichment of theoretical statements related to the state and potential for rural development.
- A methodology for studying the problems and fluctuations in rural development has been developed.
- The main problems related to the selection of beneficiaries, axes and support measures, as well as the problems related to the implementation and enforcement of the measures during the last two programming periods are presented.
- Guidelines have been formulated related to the possibilities for overcoming the fluctuations in the rural development.

IV. Critical notes, questions and recommendations on the dissertation.

I would like to recommend to the doctoral student to form as a monographic paper the research and the scientific results of the dissertation and to publish them in the specialized literature in order they to become available to a wide range of specialists in scientific circles and practice.

V. Summary conclusion and opinion.

The scientific and applied results contained in the dissertation, allow to conclude that the study meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the rules for organizing and conducting competitions for obtaining a scientific degree and for academic positions in SA "D .A.Tsenov "Svishtov.

Based on the above, I evaluate the dissertation positively and invite the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to evaluate the dissertation and to vote positively for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the doctoral program "Economics and Management (Agricultural Economics)" to Rosen Kostadinov Kotsev.

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