

OPINION
on a dissertation
for the acquisition of an educational and scientific degree "doctor"

The opinion was prepared by: Assoc. Dr. Nikolay Penev Ivanov

Trakia University - Stara Zagora, Faculty of Economics, Department of Economics; Scientific field 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; in a professional direction: 3.8. Economics; scientific specialty: "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity"; determined according to Order No. 680 of July 8, 2024 of the Rector of the Academy of Economics "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov as a member of the scientific jury.

Author of the dissertation: PhD student Borislav Petrov Lazarov

Academy of Economics "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov, Faculty of Finance, Department of Finance and Credit; Scientific field 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; in a professional direction: 3.8. Economics; scientific specialty: "Finance, money circulation, credit and insurance" (Finance).

Dissertation topic: „Financial management of investments in the national and cross-border transport network“

I. General presentation of the dissertation work

The dissertation work submitted for evaluation by doctoral student Borislav Petrov Lazarov on the topic „Financial management of investments in the national and cross-border transport network“ is a logically connected and in-depth study developed in a total volume of 193 standard pages.

The main text of the dissertation includes an introduction, three chapters, a conclusion, a list of used tables, figures and a list of used literary sources. The dissertation is illustrated and contains 30 tables and 54 figures.

The research is well balanced in terms of structure. The dissertation work is properly constructed, which allows to examine the problems posed with the necessary logical sequence.

The literature used, which was studied by the doctoral student in the research process, consists of 90 titles, in Cyrillic and Latin. An attempt has been made to demonstrate the author's awareness of the research on the subject, both by Bulgarian and foreign authors. The sources correspond to the thematic orientation, and no fraudulent use of foreign texts has been found.

II. Assessment of the form and content of the dissertation

The in-depth analysis of the dissertation allows us to conclude that research on a similar topic is relevant in time.

The chosen topic is dissertable and allows to make reasoned conclusions, proposals and to formulate contributing aspects.

The subject of the dissertation research is the financial management of investments in the transport network - republican and transnational - to ensure an increasing traffic of motor vehicles, passengers and cargo.

The object of research is the republican and cross-border transport network.

The research thesis is well formulated. The thesis in the dissertation is related to the statement that investments in the republican and cross-border transport network create sustainability of the economy as a whole and of transport as a sector, in the interest of economic operators and consumers, by ensuring economic growth and providing logistical needs with relevant transport costs.

The main objective is adequate to the subject and object of research. The aim of the dissertation is to identify the problems and propose solutions for the development of a sustainable road infrastructure, successfully integrating the republican one into the Trans-European transport network (TEN-T), through the analysis and assessment of investment needs, projects and programs in Bulgaria and Europe.

The purpose and tasks of the research are precisely formulated, which is a prerequisite for in-depth conclusions and recommendations.

The language and style of presentation in the dissertation work are at a good level. There are no repetitions or deviations in the presentation. The work is properly structured. There is a proportionality of its individual parts. The scientific toolkit is suitable for the specific problem and allows to draw reasoned conclusions.

The literary sources used are accurately cited in accordance with the requirements. No significant deviations from the norms of scientific and professional ethics were found.

The submitted abstract, in the amount of 35 pages, fully and accurately presents the content of the dissertation work. It is written in a clear, comprehensible and scientifically sound style, reflecting the main points of the dissertation and giving a clear idea of what the PhD student has achieved.

Publications are tied to the dissertation, providing the necessary publicity for the author's achievements.

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

The dissertation contains the author's positive aspects and achievements, which can be characterized as contributions to theory and practice. The author's scientific achievements stand out for their originality and practical applicability.

IV. Criticisms, opinions, questions and recommendations

A bolder, clear, strong and reasoned author's presence in subsequent developments would be a prerequisite for a higher quality research output. The mentioned remarks should be perceived as recommendations in the future development of the doctoral student.

V. Summary evaluation of the dissertation work and conclusion

Based on the in-depth analysis of the developed dissertation work, it can be confidently stated that it is a scientific development with significant achievements. The contributions, scientific merits and content of the dissertation work present the author and his results in a positive light.

The research tasks have been successfully completed, and the set main goal has been achieved. Scientific and scientific-applied contributions in the dissertation enrich scientific knowledge and support practice.

The materials presented to me for the preparation of the present opinion comply with the laws and the regulations for its application in the Economic Academy "D. A. Tsenov" - Svishtov.

Therefore, I allow myself, fully convinced and objective, to give my positive assessment and propose to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to award the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Finance, monetary circulation, credit and insurance" (Finance) to a doctoral student Borislav Petrov Lazarov.

Prepared the op

(Assoc. prof. )