

REVIEW

Reviewer: Prof. Dr. Stoyan Dimitrov Stoyanov, Department of „Accounting and analysis“ at University of National and World Economy - Sofia, professional field 3.8. Economics, scientific specialty „Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity“

Regarding: dissertation for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity (accounting)"

Basis for writing the review: participation in the scientific jury for defense of the dissertation according to Order №300/31.05.2021 of the Rector of the Academy of Economics “D.A. Tsenov” - Svishtov

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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. Information about the PhD Student

Stanislav Ivanov Shishmanov was born on 21st July, 1993 in Svishtov. He received his secondary education at the Nikolay Katranov High School in the Svishtov. In 2016 acquired Bachelor's degree, specialty "Accounting and Control", and in 2017 graduated with a Master's degree in "Accounting and Auditing in the Public Sector" at the Academy of Economics in Svishtov.

The PhD Student studied in a doctoral program at the Department of Accounting of the Academy of Economics - Svishtov in the scientific specialty "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity (Accounting)" in the period 2018 - 2021.

II. General characteristics of the dissertation

The dissertation is in volume of 200 standard computer pages. Structurally, it includes an introduction, three chapters, a conclusion and a bibliography. In a separate folder are presented four appendices to the dissertation, which contain the unified budget classification for 2021, a sample bank chart of accounts and two instructions of the BNB and the MoF on budget documents and budget payments.

The topic of the dissertation research is relevant and socially significant. This is reinforced by the importance of the state budget as the most important financial plan of the state and the exclusive role of municipal budgets for financing and functioning of local authorities. At the same time, the cash execution of budgets such as cash receipts, payments and cash is carried out by the banking system, which is the main focus of research.

*In the **introduction** of the dissertation the object and the subject of the research are successfully defined and the main goal and tasks of the development are stated. A brief description of accounting as a system for the production of accounting and economic information is made and more specifically the place of bank and budget accounting is noted. The research thesis of the dissertation is mainly expressed in theoretical and practical studies in order to identify current issues, reveal the reserves and outline guidelines for modern accounting treatment and reliable presentation of budget funds and their dynamics in the accounting of banks. The time and place of the performed empirical researches are indicated.*

*Chapter one "**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BUDGET AS A REPORTING OBJECT**" has a theoretical and staging character. It presents general theoretical and legal regulations for the budget system of the Republic of Bulgaria. The structure and the order for the compilation, adoption and reporting of the state budget and the municipal budgets as main units in the system of public finances in Bulgaria are considered in detail. The structure of budget revenues and expenditures in accordance with the Unified Budget Classification for the cash execution of the state budget is indicated in summary form. A draft annual municipal budget was also presented.*

In this part of the dissertation a significant place is given to the role and importance of the banking system in the implementation of state and municipal budgets. The functions of the BNB as the main participant in the process of cash realization of the budget in the country are clarified. The author's proposal is controversial - all commercial banks to participate in the cash execution of the budget, as now this is done only by some banks designated by the BNB and the MoF. / These are the so-called banks with "significant values" /

Chapter Two "ACCOUNTING ASPECTS OF THE STATE BUDGET IN THE UNITS OF THE BANKING SYSTEM" examines the main characteristics of revenues and expenditures of the state budget as an object of reporting. They are defined as applicable concepts in accounting, their essence is clarified and the connection and the mutual conditionality in their origin and reflection are determined. Along with their theoretical coverage, their normative systematization within the framework of the Unified Budget Classification of Revenues and Expenditures for 2021 is indicated.

In this chapter detailed explanations are made of the system of the single account for the cash execution of the state budget and of the system for electronic budget payments / SEBRA /. The most important problems are outlined and guidelines and opportunities for improving the reporting of the cash execution of the budget are outlined. Some practical and applied aspects in the reporting of European Union funds and accounts for foreign funds in banks are also considered.

Chapter three "ACCOUNTING ASPECTS OF MUNICIPAL BUDGETS IN THE PARTS OF THE BANKING SYSTEM" in a similar order and manner examines the characteristic moments in the relationship between municipalities and banks and the reporting of revenues and expenditures on municipal budgets in the bank. The most important problems are also presented and proposed guidelines and opportunities for optimizing the reporting of the cash execution of local budgets. In this regard, specific accounts and entries in them are presented.

The conclusion contains the main conclusions, assessments and proposals of the doctoral student, as summarized results from the content of the three chapters, which are the basis for deriving and formulating the most important achievements and contributions of the dissertation.

The scientific, linguistic and stylistic edition of the dissertation is at a very good level. It is appropriately structured, with the individual parts balanced and the applications presented in a separate folder.

The PhD student adhered to the rules of scientific ethics by using the literature sources in good faith and correctly quoting individual authors. He has collegially analyzed the degree of elaboration of the researched problems by other scientists, at the same time he has thoroughly argued and expressed his own opinions on the considered issues.

The abstract of the dissertation is prepared in accordance with the established requirements and presents to a sufficient degree and precisely the content and the contribution moments in it. The self-assessments of the scientific contributions in their predominant part correspond to the actual achievements and results. The PhD student has the required scientific publications on the topic of the dissertation, which are listed in the abstract.

III. Scientific and scientific-applied contributions of the dissertation

The noted scientific-theoretical and practical-applied achievements and results in the separate parts of the dissertation are the basis for deriving and systematizing the contribution moments in it. We generally accept the contributions indicated by the doctoral student, believing that the most important of them are:

- 1. An in-depth study and assessment of the role of the banking system for the cash execution of the budget has been carried out, proposing clarification and refinement of the functions of the BNB and other commercial banks.*

2. *The importance of the accounting in the banks as a basic information and control system in the cash execution of the budget is clarified, emphasizing the most important advantages of the bank accounting, in comparison with the other accounting - topicality and analyticalness.*
3. *A system of synthetic accounting accounts is proposed for more complete reporting of budget funds as an attracted resource in banks.*
4. *Interesting proposals have been made for a change in the names of some applicable concepts in order to distinguish them in budget accounting / "expenditure" / and bank accounting / "payment" /.*
5. *Guidelines and opportunities for optimizing the reporting of revenues and expenditures in the budgets of the banks' accounting, including updating and expanding their analytical reporting, have been identified.*

The marked contribution points in the dissertation enrich the existing knowledge in the researched field and can be used for analyzes, evaluations and decisions regarding the reporting of the cash execution of the state and municipal budgets. Parts of the dissertation have been published in specialized scientific journals. The author's ideas have been reported at national and international scientific conferences.

IV. Critical comments, recommendations and questions

I allow myself to recommend to the PhD student to formulate and systematize the achieved results and the made conclusions and proposals to the separate chapters of the dissertation more clearly and concretely. To some extent, this recommendation also applies to the derived and presented scientific

and practical - applied contributions, which could be systematized in a shorter and more definite way.

V. Conclusion

The PhD student has done a successful independent research on the topic of the dissertation. He correctly interpreted the results of the research by formatting and presenting them in an understandable, logical and accurate way. The dissertation has certain contributing moments with scientific-theoretical and practical-applied character.

All this gives me reason to say that the dissertation meets the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act and with full conviction to propose to the members of the Scientific Jury to vote for a positive evaluation of the dissertation and for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor". of Stanislav Ivanov Shishmanov in the scientific specialty "Accounting, control and analysis of economic activity (Accounting)".

*Sofia,
12th July 2021*

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/Prof. Dr. Stoyan Stoyanov/*