

REVIEW

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in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; Professional field 3. 8.
Economics.

**Subject: dissertation for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor of Science"
at VUZF.**

Author of the dissertation: Petar Fronchik

Topic of the dissertation:

"Financial cost management

**and the effectiveness of the chosen methods in the Polish social assistance system on the
example of the Subcarpathian Voivodeship "**

Grounds: Order №111 / 21,04,2022 for determining the scientific jury of the Rector of VUZF
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1. General characteristics of the presented dissertation

The dissertation consists of 272 pages, the main text is 246 pages, structured in accordance with the goal, research objectives, thesis, object and subject of research and reflects the author's approach to the research topic. It consists of an introduction, an exposition in four chapters, a conclusion. The list of used literature sources includes 393 items, including 322 monographs, research and articles; 42 sources of statistics, 20 laws and 9 internet sources. The work includes 132 tables, 12 diagrams, 15 figures and 24 diagrams.

The dissertation is written in English, the abstract is in Bulgarian and English.

The presented dissertation is especially relevant with the specifics of the researched issues, its content and the applied research approaches, methods and directions. It objectively and realistically presents the qualities, skills and abilities of Petar Fronchik as a researcher, analyst and professional in the specific field of science and knowledge.

The presented work is oriented and tested through real data and indicators. In its content you can find "hot" problem areas, formulations and other important questions, as well as possible answers, author's opinions, options and ways to solve them.

The urgency of the issue is determined by the necessary changes related to one of the key goals of the functioning of most modern countries, namely the provision of adequate living conditions for the population and ensuring an adequate level of social protection. To achieve these goals, social policy is used, which is an important element of the state policy of each country. Citizens' social security is provided through the social security system. The very idea of social security can be defined as a set of measures and activities of public institutions, through which society tries to protect its citizens from scarcity or threat of inability to meet basic, publicly recognized needs. The group of factors that pose a threat to social security includes typical social risks, ie. illness, accident at work, disability, loss of job, insufficient funds or property at the person's disposal, as well as other negative consequences of social problems.

Theoretical and empirical research methods have been used to solve the research problem. The chosen research methodology allows the achievement of the set goal and gives an adequate answer to the tasks set and solved in the dissertation.

The author has shown extremely good skills for independent research. He knows very well the researched issues, both in theoretical and practical aspect. The multifaceted examination of the problems reveals his in-depth knowledge in this field of science and knowledge.

The presented dissertation has emphasized theoretical and applied significance, based on the author's research in the considered field. The well-built monolithic structure of the content has allowed to develop the theoretical, methodological and practical-applied interpretations in a logically connected sequence and comprehensibility of the otherwise relatively more complex matter and terminology of the considered issues.

The dissertation is characterized by depth, complexity, high level of knowledge of the subject, scientific logic in the presentation of research results, with correct adaptation of existing methodologies and methodological solutions, with adequate empirical argumentation of the thesis and proposed solutions. This makes it relatively easy to apply and use.

2. Brief biographical data about the candidate

Dr. Petr Fronchik defended his doctoral dissertation in 2009 on the topic: "People with disabilities in the local labor market on the example of the regions of Sanok, Lesko and Bieszczady." He is a lecturer and director of the Institute of Social Sciences at their State University. Jan Grodka in Sanok (Poland). Since 2014, Dr. Pert Fronczyk has been the holder of disciplines that focus on the problems of financing social assistance in the Republic of Poland. He combines his teaching work with research in the field of social assistance management, which has led to real selection of the present dissertation, the subject of this review. In addition to teaching, he holds positions that are directly related to the topic of the dissertation. . He is a member of the regional municipal council for people with disabilities in the office of the governor of Podkarpackie Voivodeship (Poland). Member of the Supervisory Board for Economics of Municipal Enterprises in Sanok (Poland). He is a member of the regional examination commission for professional specialization of social workers in Podkarpackie Voivodeship (Poland). He is a member of the editorial board of the magazine "Disability - Problems, Problems and Solutions", PFRON (National Fund for Rehabilitation of the Disabled), Warsaw (Poland). He is the head of the Social Work Department of the State Higher School. Jan Grodka in Sanok (Poland). He is a member of the commission for disability assessment in the office of the regional governor (Poland).

3. Evaluation of the obtained scientific and scientific-applied results

The acquaintance with the dissertation allows to assess that the goal of the research has been achieved, and the tasks arising from it have received adequate solutions. The key thesis of the presented work is proven and it comes down to the statement that there are no changes in the Polish social assistance system, leading to the rejection of remittances in favor of intangible benefits. Activation, as well as expanding the participation of people in the process of providing assistance.

Meanwhile, the cost of cash benefits continues to dominate, with non-cash benefits being of secondary importance. Social assistance in Poland takes the form of a transfer of funds to certain social groups (for example, families raising children), instead of targeting the most deprived. Such tools used in the social assistance system as social contracts are ineffective and do not contribute in any way to the independence of people receiving social assistance, do not improve their living conditions and do not contribute to gaining full independence. In addition, the social assistance system in Poland, despite the increase in state budget expenditures, is not ready to solve social problems that will become very important in Poland in the future, such as the problems of the elderly or support for foreigners.

4. Evaluation of scientific and scientific-applied contributions

The dissertation contains scientific - applied results with the nature of contributions. I accept the scientific contributions provided by the author and I agree with their wording. Other scientific contributions can be made, given the in-depth statistical analyzes and the scope of research in the field of research.

The scientific and practical contribution of the presented work is based on the following elements:

- Development of a new theoretical and methodological approach in the field of economic research in the public sector in Poland with regard to the social security system.
- Identification of future challenges to the social security system in Poland, as well as confirmation that this system is not adapted to solving social problems, which will be a major challenge for Poland in the future.
- The introduction of an indicator of barriers and restrictions in the implementation of effective financial policy in the social protection system.
- Proposal for a concept for the analysis of instruments (social contracts) used in the Polish social security system.
- Empirical testing of the effectiveness of the instruments (social contracts) used in the Polish social security system.

- Identification of the reasons for the low efficiency of the instruments (social contracts) used in the Polish social security system and the management of financial costs in the social security system.

5. Evaluation of the abstract

The abstract reflects the content of the dissertation, containing the necessary information and highlights of the study. It correctly and comprehensively presents the dissertation, the contributions and the main conclusions in the text.

6. Critical remarks, recommendations and questions

After my detailed acquaintance with the presented dissertation, I did not find any significant omissions, inaccuracies or contradictions. Maybe some statements on the researched issues do not coincide with my views, but these are personal interpretations and interpretations of the candidate and they can be protected by him. Therefore, I believe that they do not affect my overall positive assessment and do not diminish the scientific achievements of the candidate. Therefore, my remarks are rather indicative and advisory for his future research, namely:

- in some places I find the great desire of the candidate to present us as rich content as possible, which leads to scattering in not always appropriate details;
- Some schemes, tables and graphs, although very carefully and reasonably made, could be exploited in depth.

7. Conclusion

The dissertation contains scientific, scientific-applied and applied results, which represent an original contribution to science and meet all the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB) and the Regulations for the implementation of ZRASRB. The presented materials and dissertation results fully comply with the specific requirements of the Regulations.

The candidate is well acquainted not only with the scientific literature and achievements in this field, but also with the practice itself. The results of the study are presented logically, understandably and clearly. I believe that the conclusions of the analysis in the dissertation should be considered and taken into account by researchers in Bulgaria.

Due to the above, I confidently give my positive assessment of the research presented by the above reviewed dissertation, abstract, publications, results and contributions, and I invite the esteemed scientific jury to award the degree of 'Doctor of Science' to Petar Fronchik in of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; Professional field 3. 8. Economics.

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