

## **OPINION**

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
for the academic position of "**professor**"  
**of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance**

by field of higher education: **3.8. Economics**  
**professional field: Green economy and agribusiness**

In the competition for professor, announced in the State Gazette, issue 22 of 18.03.2022 and on the website of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance, as a candidate Bartosz Mickiewicz from West Pomeranian University of Technology, Poland.

### **1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate (s)**

By order № 126 of 30.05.2022. of the Rector of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance I have been appointed a member of the scientific jury in a competition for the academic position of 'professor' at VUZF in the field of higher education 3.8. Economy (Green Economy and Agribusiness). The only candidate for participation in the announced competition is Bartosz Mickiewicz from West Pomeranian University of Technology, Poland.

The set of materials / paper presented by the candidate is in accordance with the Regulations for development of the academic staff of VUZF and includes the following documents:

- List of publications, reference for fulfillment of the minimum national requirements - scientometric indicators, reference for the citations
- Summary of publications
- Main habilitation thesis - monograph
- Curriculum vitae
- Information for participation in projects and information for scientific guidance of doctoral students

- Other documentation, according to the requirements of the Regulations for development of the academic staff of VUZF

Candidate Bartosz Mickiewicz has submitted a total of 30 scientific papers, of which one monograph (100 volumes) and a list of 29 research papers in the form of articles and reports. The mentioned 30 scientific papers, which are outside the dissertation, are accepted for review. Apart from them, participation in 2 international research projects is also reported.

A reference with scientometric indicators is presented, of which the issues of the competition include:

- in sector D a total of 394 points (against the minimum 200 points for the sector);
- in sector E (cited publications) a total of 135 points (with a minimum of 100);
- in sector E a total of 200 out of a minimum of 100 points for the sector.

Bartosz Mickiewicz has 26 years of academic experience and currently holds the position of Head of the Department of Environmental Economics at West Pomeranian University of Technology, Poland. He is a member of a number of scientific and business organizations in Poland, Latvia, Russia, Belarus, Bulgaria and others.

I have no personal impressions of the candidate outside this competition.

## **2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity (s)**

The candidate in this competition has extensive teaching and research experience. He reports to the scientific management of three successfully defended doctoral students, participated in scientific juries of 10 doctoral dissertations and two habilitation theses. He is the author of over 400 scientific publications in the field of agricultural economics, food policy, environmental protection and integration processes in the European Union.

An independent monograph and 29 articles and reports in refereed and indexed editions were presented under this competition. The scientific publications fully comply with the announced competition and are in the field of agricultural policy, agricultural markets, rural development, planning and investment in renewable energy sources and others. The candidate's research work clearly highlights contributions, both in the theoretical and methodological framework of sustainable agribusiness development, and in the study of the capacity of agriculture in specific countries for investment and implementation of environmental practices.

The main monograph on "Green Economy and Agribusiness: A New Agrarian Transformation in Belarus" has a total volume of 219 pages. The publication is an in-depth study of the theoretical and methodological basis of sustainable agribusiness

development, analysis of the regulatory framework and trends in agricultural production in Belarus, focusing on prospects for innovation in the sector and potential for environmental products.

The first chapter of the monograph presents the theoretical and methodological foundations of sustainable development of agribusiness, based on the principles of green economy. Basic concepts and applicable research approaches are defined.

The second chapter analyzes the normative and regulatory framework for the development of agribusiness in Belarus, the opportunities to support the development of the agricultural sector under national programs, organizational and legal forms of enterprise operation and opportunities for the development of organic farming in the country.

The third chapter draws attention to foreign experience in the field of sustainable development of the agricultural sector, stages of transformation of the example of Poland.

The fourth chapter analyzes the trends in the development of agricultural production in Belarus. Emphasis is placed on the resource potential for the development of the sector and conclusions are summarized for the current capacity for sustainable development of food production.

The last chapter of the monograph presents the prospects and potential for the development of innovative practices and the green economy. The main contributions in this chapter are the models for sustainable development of agribusiness and the conclusions about applicable innovative methods in the production of ecological products.

The candidate is well acquainted with the specialized literature and the regulatory framework in the field of sustainable development of agribusiness and green economy. The monograph cites 337 sources in English, Russian and Polish.

### **3. Critical remarks and recommendations**

I have no critical remarks or recommendations.

## **CONCLUSION**

The documents and materials submitted by Bartosz Mickiewicz **meet all** the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of the LASRB and the relevant Regulations of VUZF.

The candidate in the competition has presented **a significant** number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of ONS "Doctor". In

the works of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received international recognition as a representative part of them are published in journals and scientific journals published by international academic publishers. His theoretical developments have practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to the educational work. Bartosz Mitzkiewicz's scientific and teaching qualifications are **unquestionable**.

The results achieved by Mickiewicz in the teaching and research activities **fully** comply with the Regulations of VUZF for the application of ZRASRB.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analysis of their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my **positive** assessment and recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepared a report-proposal to the Academic Council for the election of Bartosz Mickiewicz for the academic position of "professor" at VUZF in professional field 3.8 Economics (Green Economy and Agribusiness).

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**Prepared the opinion:** .....

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