

STANDPOINT

by Assoc. Dr. Lyudmila Boykova Dikova

of a dissertation work for the award of a scientific degree "Doctor of Science"
in Higher Education Area 3. Social, economic and legal sciences
Professional direction 3.8. Economy

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Topic: "CONDITIONS FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONS
IN POLAND, WITH REGARD TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS
AND MOUNTAIN AND SUB-MOUNTAIN TERRITORIES"

1. General description of the presented materials

By order No. 109 of 01.03.2023 of the Rector of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance, Prof. Doctor of Law Boris Velchev, I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury to ensure a procedure for the defense of a dissertation on the topic "CONDITIONS FOR THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONS IN POLAND, WITH REGARD TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL REGIONS AND THE MOUNTAIN AND SUB-MOUNTAIN TERRITORIES" for the acquisition of a scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" in the Higher Education Department 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, Professional direction 3.8. Economy. The author of the dissertation is Mateusz Kaczmariski, PhD - candidate at the Department of Finance.

The submitted Mateusz Kaczmariski, PhD set of materials on an electronic medium is in accordance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of VUZF (curriculum vitae, copy of the diploma for the acquired educational and qualification degree "doctor", dissertation, list of contributions, abstract, list of publications, presentation, order to determine the scientific jury).

The candidate has attached 3 monographs and 21 publications.

2. Brief biographical data about the candidate

Candidate Mateusz Kaczmariski, PhD has extensive work experience: 13 years of teaching experience at a professional university, conducting research and cooperating with the socio-economic environment; 2 years of management experience at Jan Grodek State University in Sanok; 4 years of experience in the management of the Institute of Agriculture and Forestry and 2 years of experience

in the management of the Department of Agriculture working in the Institute of Agriculture and Forestry; extensive experience in conducting scientific projects funded by the European Union; coordination of cooperation with abroad under the Erasmus+ program; experience in launching new areas of study and specialization at the university and updating educational programs to changing legal regulations.

The candidate under the procedure with work experience, appropriate education and scientific interests in the field of the competition announced by the university. It is worth mentioning the numerous awards received by the candidate in the scientific field:

- 2011 - Rector's Award of the State Higher Vocational School Jan Grodek in Sanok,
- 2012 - Rector's Award of the State Higher Vocational School Jan Grodek in Sanok,
- 2013 - Rector's Award of the State Higher Vocational School Jan Grodek in Sanok,
- 2015 - Rector's Award of the State Higher Vocational School Jan Grodek in Sanok,
- 2016 - Rector's Award of the State Higher Vocational School Jan Grodek in Sanok,
- 2017 - Rector's Award of the State Higher Vocational School Jan Grodek in Sanok,
- 2018 - Rector's Award of the State Higher Vocational School Jan Grodek in Sanok,
- 2019 - Award of the Rector of the Jan Grodek State University in Sanok.
- 2022 - Award of the Minister of Education and Science, Poland

3. Characterization and evaluation of the dissertation work

The dissertation covers 275 pages and includes a title page, table of contents, introduction, seven sections, conclusion, bibliography, lists of tables, figures, graphs and statistical appendix.

The five sections are divided into subsections that are thematically related to each other. The first section includes five subsections, the second includes no subsections, the third includes five subsections, the fourth includes four subsections, the fifth includes two subsections, the sixth includes two subsections, and the seventh includes no subsections.

The first section, which contains five subsections, presents the theoretical situations and problems of regional development, as well as problems related to the development of rural areas, including mountain and sub-mountain areas. The second section discusses the methodological premises of the author's own research. The third section, consisting of five sub-sections, assesses the differentiation of the level of socio-economic development of Poland's regions, as well as the sustainable development of rural and mountain and foothill regions of Poland in 2007, 2015 and 2019. Apart from this, voivodships and rural areas are arranged by region according to the Helwig synthetic development indicator in 2007, 2015 and 2019 and their classification according to the level of development achieved. The fourth section, containing four subsections, assesses the impact of

sustainable development of rural areas on the economic activity of rural residents, newly registered business entities, the area of personal business plots and the average monthly disposable income. The fifth section, which consists of two subsections, evaluates in the impact of innovation and research activity in the voivodships on the balance of migration and own tax revenues from legal entities per capita. The sixth section, which consists of two sub-sections, assesses the impact of the Common Agricultural Policy 2014-2020. and the Rural Development Program 2014–2020. on the sustainable development of mountain and foothill regions in Poland. The last section defines and synthesizes the determinants of the socio-economic development of the voivodeships in Poland, as well as the sustainable development of rural, mountain and foothill areas. This section also presents recommendations for shaping the socio-economic development of regions and the sustainable development of rural and mountain and foothill areas in Poland.

The bibliography of the dissertation contains a total of 297 titles, including 286 monographs, studies and scientific articles; statistics source and 10 netography sources. The study includes 72 tables, 42 figures and 6 graphs.

4. Contributions and significance of the development for science and practice

The main objective of the work of the candidate Mateusz Kaczmarek, PhD is included in the assessment of the socio-economic development of the regions and the sustainable development of rural areas, as well as the upper and sub-mountain territories of Poland in 2007-2019. The work assesses the impact of the development of rural regions, as well as the scientific research and innovation activity on the socio-economic development of the regions. The conducted research considers the impact of the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy (OSP) and the Rural Development Programs (PRS) in 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 years on the sustainable development of rural areas, as well as the upper and pre-mountain areas in Poland.

The candidate has summarized the results of the dissertation work.

5. Evaluation of publications on the dissertation work

The candidate has attached 3 monographs and 21 publications.

Monographs - 3 issues

Articles and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information - 7

Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes – 13

Published chapter of collective monograph – 1

The works presented have a significant contribution to the enrichment of theory in the field of sustainable development of rural areas and mountainous and sub-mountainous territories. The topics of the presented publications are focused on the problems of professional direction 3.8. "Economics". The publications cover current theoretical and applied problems. The candidate demonstrates an individual scientific focus and offers high-level scientific output, as well as demonstrates specialist expertise.

6. Assessment of compliance with minimum national requirements

The documents and materials presented by the candidate Mateusz Kaczmarek, PhD meet all the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of the ZRASRB and the relevant Regulations of VUZF.

According to the presented materials, I can conclude that the candidate Mateusz Kaczmarek, PhD fulfills the minimum national requirements for obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" in the professional direction 3.8. Economy.

At the time of drafting the opinion, there is no information that would give grounds to doubt the authenticity of the dissertation work and scientific publications submitted for consideration.

7. Abstract

The abstract is prepared in accordance with good academic practices and correctly reflects the essence of the dissertation in a concise form.

The candidate has presented a sufficient number of scientific publications, with which she fulfills the national minimum requirements laid down in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation for the acquisition of the Doctor of Science degree under 3.8. Economy.

8. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no significant critical notes and recommendations.

CONCLUSION

The dissertation work presented for consideration is an up-to-date scientific research. It fully meets the requirements for such kind of scientific developments and has indisputable scientific qualities. The publications on the topic complement the image of the candidate as a thorough

specialist with serious knowledge of practice, which he combines with an excellent knowledge of the currently existing theory in the field of his chosen topic.

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 the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB) and the Regulations for the Implementation of the ZRASRB. The presented materials and dissertation results fully comply with the specific requirements of the Regulations for admission and training of doctoral students in the Higher School of Insurance and Finance.

The dissertation shows that the candidate Mateusz Kaczmarek, PhD possesses in-depth theoretical knowledge and professional skills in Professional direction 3. 8. Economics, demonstrating qualities and skills for independent conduct of scientific research.

Due to the above, I confidently give my positive assessment of the conducted research, presented by the above-reviewed dissertation work, abstract, achieved results and contributions, and I propose to the honorable scientific jury to award the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" to Mateusz Kaczmarek, PhD in the Department of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; Professional direction 3. 8. Economics.

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Reviewer: Assoc. Prof. Lyudmila Dikova, PhD