

REVIEW

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of a dissertation for awarding the educational and scientific degree "doctor"

in Higher Education Area 3. Social, economic and legal sciences

Professional direction 3.8. Economy

Doctoral program: "Finance, Insurance and Assurance"

Author: Marek Wolanin

Topic: OPTIMIZING THE HUMAN, MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL
RESOURCES OF THE PERIPHERAL MUNICIPALITY

Scientific supervisor: Prof. D.Sc. Igor Britchenko

1. General description of the presented materials

By order No. 132 of 22.03.2023 of the Rector of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance Prof. Boris Velchev, Doctor of Law, I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury to ensure a procedure for the defense of a dissertation on the topic OPTIMIZATION OF THE HUMAN, MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE PERIPHERAL MUNICIPALITY for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the Higher Education Region 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, Professional direction 3.8. Economics, PhD program "Finance, Insurance and Assurance". The author of the dissertation work is Marek Wolanin - doctoral student, self-study with scientific supervisor, Prof. D.Sc. Igor Britchenko from VUZF.

The materials handed over by Marek Wolanin include documents on description presented:

- ❖ List of publications
- ❖ Declarations
- ❖ Publication summaries

- ❖ Autobiography
- ❖ Reference on the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements for the acquisition of an ONS doctor
- ❖ Abstract
- ❖ Dissertation work
- ❖ Jury Order
- ❖ Presentation

The doctoral student has contributed 5 publications in collective monographs and 5 publications in scientific publications.

2. Brief biographical data for the doctoral student

Marek Wolanin was born on July 9, 1958 in Zgoželec. He is married and has two sons. He graduated with a master's degree in economics, pedagogy, education management in local self-government and local administration.

He started his professional career in 1978 at the Turów Power Plant, later at FAMAGO Zgorzelec, on a drill press and later as a technologist. Since 1980, commander of the ZHP detachment. "Military settlers" in Zgoželec. In 1990, he went to work at the primary school in Żarska Wieś, where he taught mathematics and physical education as a teacher. In 1993, the head of education in Jelenia Góra entrusted him with the function of principal of the primary school in Jerzmanki. On 1 October 1995, he became Inspector of Education and after expanding his duties to include municipal promotion and development, he became the Head of Municipal Education, Promotion and Development. On February 1, 2010, the head of the Commune entrusted him with the position of Secretary of the Zgoželec Commune, which he held until March 31, 2015. On April 1, 2015, he was appointed deputy head of the Zgoželec Commune.

In 2002, he became a municipal councilor of Zgoželec, where he was the chairman of the City Council, and in 2006-2014 he was the deputy chairman of the Zgoželec City Council.

Sports activist. In 1995, he founded the Student Sports Wrestling Club in Jerzmanky, of which he is still the president. In 1998, he was the founder and continues to be the secretary of the Student Sports Club at MDK Zgorzelec. Co-author of the project of the European Educational and Cultural Center Zgorzelec-Goerlitz Meetingpoint Music Messiaen, realized in Stalag VIIIA.

Marek Wolanin has work experience, appropriate education and permanently focused scientific interests in the field of the competition announced by the university.

I do not know the candidate personally.

3. Actuality of the topic and appropriateness of the set goals and tasks

The author has justified the topicality of the topic. The author's focus on the topic of local self-government concerns practically every inhabitant of the European Union, in which decentralization is the basis for the democratic life of citizens, since every citizen is part of a given community with local self-government. The affiliation in question is not related to registration or formal membership of the community, in fact it does not depend on the resident himself. In itself, the fact that he lives in a given territory determines his belonging to the local self-government. There are over 97,000 municipalities in the European Union, which differ in scope, population and form of financial management. Rural self-governing municipalities represent the largest group among municipal self-governments.

The dissertation fulfills its purpose of analyzing the role of village self-government bodies in the decentralized public goods management system. Observations on changes in their functioning and ongoing data analysis inspired the author to systematize information about these structural units of local self-government by conducting a series of thematic studies and studying one of the subgroups of municipal government - peripheral gminas as a subgroup of rural municipalities in Poland.

4. Knowing the problem

PhD student Marek Wolanin demonstrates excellent knowledge of both the theoretical aspects of payments and their practical applications. The bibliography of the dissertationThe work includes a total of 333 titles, including: 264 monographs, studies and scientific articles, 23 normative sources, 46 titles of online sources. The work contains 29 tables, 28 graphs and 2 diagrams. In addition, the dissertation includes 18 appendices, 13 of which are summary tables of the data obtained from the survey. The author has made a thorough analysis of the used literature, on the basis of which the main concepts are defined, the main hypotheses are formulated and the research methodology is outlined.

An analysis of the indicators that determine the characteristics of the development of the peripheral communes was carried out; indicating the most important aspects to improve the lives of their residents in the near future; the indication of the factors that characterize rural peripheral communes; local and national successes of peripheral communes; their strengths; their nature protection activities and the positions of the representatives of the communes regarding their unification with the cities - this is the volume of data that allows to build a picture of the peripheral commune in the 20s of the XXI century. The collected data allow to outline the image of the Polish peripheral commune as a special type of municipal self-government.

5. Research methodology

For each dissertation, it is important to select an appropriate methodological toolkit in order to process, summarize and analyze the collected information to prove the author's thesis. The approaches and methods used in the specific case to achieve the objectives of the study are quantitative and qualitative.

The research methods used were applied to extract the maximum amount of qualitatively new knowledge, information and opinions from the surveyed subjects. The main qualitative method used in the study is an online questionnaire survey with open and closed responses.

The purpose of quantitative research is not to show how many studied structural units reason in one way or another, but to clarify which types of activity, attitudes and

expectations contribute to a better understanding of the results of the research process. With the help of quantitative research, events, directions of activity, scales and factors affecting the studied phenomenon are measured.

I believe that the chosen research methodology allows achieving the set goal and obtaining an adequate answer to the tasks solved in the dissertation work.

6. Characterization and evaluation of the dissertation work

The dissertation has a volume of 225 pages and consists of: title page, table of contents, three chapters, conclusions and conclusions, used literature, list of scientific publications, list of Internet sources, list of documents, laws and decrees, list of tables, graphs and charts, appendices (data mapping), acronyms and abbreviations used.

The three chapters of the dissertation are thematically connected and consist of the corresponding subsections. The first chapter contains ten chapters, the second - nine chapters, and the third chapter - six chapters.

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The dissertation thus presented gives me reasons to assume that the dissertation of Marek Wolanin, PhD student, contains scientific and scientific-applied results that represent an original contribution to science. The dissertation shows that the candidate

has in-depth theoretical knowledge in the relevant scientific field and the ability for independent scientific research.

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

After a detailed acquaintance with the dissertation work of Marek Wolanin, I would note that I generally accept the scientific and scientific-applied contributions sought and achieved by the dissertation, which I formulate in this way:

The theoretical significance of the dissertation work is expressed in providing science with a synthesis of issues related to the functioning of peripheral communes in Poland, and the formulation of guidelines and forecasts for further and sustainable development of suburban rural communes and the determination of their role. Data are presented on the extent to which the peripheral communes fulfill their tasks, how they are evaluated according to the relevant indicators and how they are evaluated by the communities in the local governments. Appreciated the results, guidelines for development and management of resources are also published.

The significance of the dissertation in practical terms is contained in the revealed problems related to the functioning of municipal self-government. This is one of the first dissertations in the European Union presenting a study of the communes located around cities. In practice, this makes it possible to identify the most effective activation measures undertaken by peripheral communes. The dissertation also points out the need to solve the problem of attempts to annex developed peripheral communes by neighboring cities through court decisions or changes in legislation. In this sense, the dissertation work can become a basis for taking actions and legislative decisions to protect the thirty-year heritage of the peripheral communes.

The scientific and applied contributions in the dissertation work reflect the achievements of the doctoral student and are a certificate of his scientific interests.

8. Evaluation of publications on the dissertation work

The doctoral student has contributed 5 publications in collective monographs and 5 publications in scientific publications.

The publications are on the subject of the dissertation work and generally allow to obtain a precise focus on highlights of the dissertation work and give the necessary publicity to the scientific contributions and the author's achievements and complement the development of scientific theory in this issue.

9. Assessment of compliance with minimum national requirements

Scientific publications on the topic of the dissertation research are in sufficient volume and possess undeniable research merits.

With the presented publications and with his dissertation, the candidate 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 Doctoral Doctorate in the professional field 3.8. Economy.

10. Personal participation of the doctoral student

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

The review of the dissertation shows that it is the result of personal involvement, the sources used are correctly cited and I do not detect plagiarism.

11. Abstract

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

The author has scientific publications on the topic of the dissertation. The text of the abstract fully reflects the content and corresponds to the theses developed in the dissertation.

12. Critical remarks and recommendations

I believe that the proposed scientific work has undeniable merits and the author emerges as a significant researcher of this issue. Despite the limited data, the PhD student has managed to form a good empirical base to investigate the problem and this makes the thesis significant for theory as it creates an opportunity for further comparative research.

I have no critical remarks on the dissertation work, but rather a recommendation: it is possible to expand the scope of the study at the next research stage.

13. Personal impressions

I don't know the PhD student personally. We have no joint publications and developments. My impressions are from the dissertation work, the abstract and the publications on the dissertation. They show that the doctoral student has in-depth theoretical training and a proven ability for independent scientific research.

14. Recommendations for future use of dissertation contributions and results

I recommend presenting the results in specialized international publications with IF/IR, which will allow higher visibility of the scientific results and create conditions for more intensive citation.

Participation in international scientific conferences and preferential publication in English will lead to greater recognition in scientific circles and popularization of scientific research.

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 subject complement the image of the candidate as a thorough specialist with serious practical knowledge, which she combines with an excellent knowledge of the currently existing theory in the field of her 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 doctoral student Marek Wolanin has in-depth theoretical knowledge and professional skills in Professional direction 3. 8. Economics, as demonstrates 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 educational and scientific degree 'doctor' to Marek Wolanin in the Department of Higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; Professional direction 3. 8. Economics, doctoral program: "Finance, insurance and provision".

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