



OPINION

on dissertation for obtaining the **doctorate degree** in: higher education field: 3. Social, business and legal sciences, professional field: 3.8 Economics, scientific specialty: Organization and management (agriculture and sub-sectors).

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Theme: "World Bank Investment Policy for Kosovo's Agrarian Sector Development"

Reviewer: Assoc. Prof. Tony Bogdanova Mihova, Technical University - Sofia, Plovdiv Branch Higher Education Area: 3. Social, Business and Legal Sciences, Professional Degree: 3.8 Economics, scientific specialty: Economics and Management appointed as a member of the Scientific Jury with Order No. RD-16-16 / 14.01.2020 by the Rector of the Agrarian University.

1. The relevance of the problem.

The agricultural sector is strategically important for the development of Kosovo. In the context of preparations for accession to the requirements of the European Union, it is necessary for this industry to build an appropriate infrastructure for the competitive development of agricultural farms. Therefore, capital investments in processing facilities, storage facilities for agricultural products and collection points guarantee the sustainable development of primary production and sustainable jobs in the future. For this purpose, it is of the utmost importance that the financial support of the World Bank, which over the past 10 years lends credit to the development of this sector.

In this regard, I believe that the analysis of the World Bank's investment support is a topical problem in theoretical and scientific terms.

2. Purpose, tasks, hypotheses and methods of research.

Revealing the role and influence of the World Bank on Agricultural Development in the Republic of Kosovo is a major goal of the thesis. In order to achieve this, the development seeks to address six research objectives that are well-defined. The research thesis is that World Bank investment support is a key factor in the development of the agricultural investment environment in the Republic of Kosovo. 10 hypotheses have been verified, thus verifying the validity of the research thesis.

The methodological toolkit is appropriately selected in accordance with the set goals and tasks.

3. Visualization and presentation of the results obtained.

The dissertation is properly structured and consists of an introduction, four chapters and a conclusion. Contains 209 pages, used literature and applications.

The results of the study are presented and illustrated with 29 figures and 95 tables.

4. Discussion of the results and the literature used.

In the first chapter of her dissertation, the doctoral student has made a thorough review of the basic theories of investment, with a clear author position. Chapter Two sets out the methodology and methods for exploring the role of the World Bank's Agricultural Development Investment Support in Kosovo. To this end, the PhD student uses a deductive approach to identify the major factors determining the World Bank's role and influence in Kosovo's agricultural development. The survey covers 400 farms, of which 300 are family farms and 100 are registered as traders under the Commercial Act. Based on the results obtained, conclusions and recommendations for agriculture development in Kosovo have been formulated after the hypothesis has been verified.

The literature review includes 126 scientific publications and works by authors; newsletters of international organizations; reports and bulletins of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Kosovo, as well as a number of regulations and decisions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Kosovo.

5. Contributions to the thesis.

I accept the attached report from the doctoral student on ideas and solutions in the dissertation. I appreciate the essential importance of the following

Scientific contribution:

- a conceptual framework has been developed to assess the World Bank's impact on the economic development of agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo, and

Practical contribution:

- formulated recommendations for improving the agricultural economic development of the Republic of Kosovo.

6. Critical notes and questions.

The research thesis in the thesis related to the claim that World Bank investment support is a key factor in the development of the agricultural investment environment in the Republic of Kosovo has been proven. My critical remarks relate mainly to the need for a more careful refinement of the PhD student's contributions in scientific and applied scientific terms. There are a number of publications in the specialized literature on the nature of investment and the investment process in agriculture. The conclusions of the study could be systematized and formulated with greater clarity.

Question:1.

To what extent are there favorable external environmental factors in Kosovo to implement the recommendations you have formulated in the agricultural sector?

7. Published articles and citations.

Six scientific publications on the topic of the dissertation are presented. Four of them are co-authored and two are co-authors.

The abstract presented objectively reflects the structure and content of the dissertation.

CONCLUSION:

On the basis of the various methods of research, the correctly performed experiments, the summaries made and the conclusions drawn, received from the doctoral student, I consider that the presented dissertation work meets the requirements of Academic Staff Development Act in Bulgaria and the Rules of the Agrarian University for its application, which gives me reason to evaluate it **POSITIVE**.

I dare to suggest that the venerable Scientific Jury also vote positively and award Adelina Gafur Gashi the Doctorate degree in Organization and Management (agriculture and sub-sectors).

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