



## SCIENTIFIC OPINION

On dissertation for obtaining the **Doctorate Degree** Field of Higher Education<sup>3</sup>. Social, Business and Legal Sciences, Professional Field: 3.8 Economics, Scientific Speciality: Production Organization and Management

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**Dissertation topic:** The World Bank Investment Policy for the agricultural development in Kosovo.

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### 1. The urgency of the problem.

In my opinion, the doctoral student Adelina Gafur Gashi presents herself with a scientific work that has not only contemporary but also original sound. It is being developed under completely new and changing conditions for the economy of Kosovo, in general and for the agribusiness in particular. Scientific research is essential to both the theory and practice of managing the investment process in Kosovo's agricultural sector. He treats a new and unexplored, so far, area of scientific knowledge of the country's conditions. The relevance of the topic is reinforced by the fact that agriculture is a major source of food for the population and the World Bank is a major investor in the industry and is a determining factor in its competitiveness. It should be emphasized that the development of the chosen topic requires thorough theoretical background and good analytical skills. I think that, when evaluating the merits of a dissertation, this fact should be borne in mind. It definitely reinforces the diversity and complexity of the problem under study.

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

The purpose of this dissertation is to identify the role and influence of the World Bank (WB) in the development of agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo, by: measuring WB investment support and its impact on the development of the sector; assessment of job creation opportunities and economic growth in the industry.

In the course of the work, the following major tasks have been addressed: The role and impact of investments on the factors that determine the competitiveness of the agricultural sector have been clarified; the investment support mechanisms of the World Bank have been identified; a conceptual framework has been developed to assess the impact of the World Bank (WB) on agricultural development; an analysis and assessment of the World Bank's impact on agriculture has been carried out; outlines the main approaches and strategies for increasing agricultural investment activity; Specific recommendations have been formulated to improve the investment environment in Kosovo's agriculture. The purpose and tasks are clearly defined, specific and address the issues under consideration.

Systematic analysis methods were used in the study; comparative analysis; graphical analysis; statistical methods - descriptive statistics and the linear regression method. The deductive approach is seen as fundamental in analyzing and assessing the impact of World Bank investment support. The theoretical and methodological and methodical part of the work clearly shows the author's attitude, which shows that the doctoral student has a stable preparation and is very well oriented in the problems under consideration.



### **3. Visualization and presentation of the results obtained.**

The dissertation is divided into four chapters, introduction and conclusion, located on 209 pages, 29 figures and 95 tables. Each part of the dissertation contributes to solving the common problem. The individual chapters are interrelated and sequential. This construction gives the finished character to the development. It allows you to cover the main questions on the topic. The content indicates that the doctoral student has a clear and accurate picture of the issues under consideration.

### **4. Discussion of the results and the literature used.**

A total of 126 titles were used for the study. The theoretical assurance of the development is impressive. The author was able to systematize existing scientific theses on the problem and subordinate them to the goals of her own research. The study is based on rich factual material. Information bulletins of international organizations were used - World Bank, International Monetary Fund, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, EUROSTAT and FAOSTAT; 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. Empirical information on the survey is also provided by sample surveys and in-depth interviews conducted at the farm level on the questionnaire prepared by the author.

The first part of the paper gives an in-depth review of the theoretical perspectives on the nature of investment theory. A critical analysis of the scientific debate on this subject has been made. Investigation of the relationship between investment and income, investment and productivity in the sector, investment and the way the value chain is formed, the investment and market presence of the agricultural sector, investment employment in agriculture. The author's presence on the issues under consideration is clear.

Chapter two of the dissertation deals with the methodology and methods used to analyze the investment process in agriculture. The methodology used here adapts the study. The empirical information gathered is cleverly used to successfully complete the dissertation research.

Chapter three outlines the benefits of the agricultural investment process. The statistical hypotheses raised to be verified are proven or rejected by verifying which evidence of the validity of the research thesis is sought. The need for development of production infrastructure, reduction of production costs, increase of employment in the sector, regionalization, specialization and concentration of production are emphasized.

Of interest are the analysis of the World Bank's role in the economic development of agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo, the identified factors of impact on the investment process, the formulated recommendations for improving the economic development of the agriculture of the Republic of Kosovo.

In terms of composition, the work is properly constructed.

The conclusions are clear, justified and derived from the results of the analysis.

Style is at the required height. The technical layout is good.

### **5. Contributions to the thesis.**

The contribution report accurately reflects the achievements of PhD student Adeline Gafur Gashi. I fully accept the contributions mentioned in the abstract of my dissertation. They are real, stem from the specific research and are the personal work of the author. The requirements of the Rules for the development of the academic staff at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv have been fulfilled. The

dissertation and contributions present the doctoral student Adelina Gafur Gashi as a completed researcher with knowledge and abilities for independent scientific research.

#### **6. Critical notes and questions.**

In my dissertation I do not find any significant weaknesses and wrong statements that will diminish its quality. I have recommended to the author to seek a broader scientific platform for discussing the problems discussed in the dissertation, due to their current nature for the conditions of Kosovo agriculture.

#### **7. Published articles and citations.**

Adelina Gafur Gashi's research and publication activities include a total of 6 publications in scientific journals in Kosovo and abroad.

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

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Based on the doctoral student's learned and applied various research methods, correctly performed experiments, summaries made and conclusions I consider, hat the dissertation submitted meets the requirements of the ZRASRB and the Regulations of the Agrarian University for its application, which gives me a reason to rate it POSITIVE.

I dare to suggest that the venerable Scientific Jury also vote in the affirmative and award Adelina Gafur Gashi the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Organization and Management of Production"

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