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1. **Brief introduction of the applicant.**

PhD student Adelina Gafur Gashi completed his secondary education in 2007 at the School of Natural Sciences "ULPIANA", Lipjan. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Banking, Finance and Accounting from the AAB-RIINVEST College of Economics. She received his master's degree in 2012 at the same higher education institution. The PhD student defends her master's thesis on: The World Bank's Impact on Economic Development - The Case of Kosovo Enterprises. In the period 2013-2019 she goes through various courses and trainings related to her specialty. From 2015 until now she is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics at AAB College. As an assistant, she teaches classes in the following disciplines: banking, public finance, project management, entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises.

As a result of the above facts, we can summarize that the PhD student has devoted her entire career to economic theory and practice related to the influence of various institutions and instruments, including the World Bank, on the economic development of Kosovo enterprises.

2. Relevance of the problem.

In the context of preparations for EU accession, the Republic of Kosovo has transformed its agricultural sector significantly in recent years. The latter is identified as strategically important for the development of Kosovo. The main investor in Kosovo's agricultural sector is the World Bank. With the financial assistance of this banking institution, the agricultural sector is building the appropriate infrastructure to facilitate the competitive development of agricultural holdings. The analysis of World Bank investment support in the context of the Republic of Kosovo's accession to EU requirements is a current problem and provides good research opportunities for the PhD student.

3. 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. This main objective includes the following sub-goals:

- Measuring the World Bank's investment support and its impact on the development of the sector;
- The role of the World Bank for creating jobs in agriculture and WB tools for generating economic growth in the country's agricultural sector;
- Benefits to farmers and agribusiness from the financial support received by the WB.

In order to achieve the set goals, the following tasks have been solved:

- Clarifying the role and impact of investment on the factors that determine the competitiveness of the agricultural sector;
- Determining the World Bank's investment support mechanisms;

- Development of a conceptual framework for assessing the impact of the WB on agricultural development;
- Analysis and assessment of the World Bank's impact on agricultural development;
- Identification of approaches and strategies for investment in agricultural development;
- Develop recommendations for improving the investment environment for agricultural development.

The subject of the research is the World Bank's investment support for agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo.

The object of the research is agriculture as a sector in the national economy of the Republic of Kosovo.

The deductive approach is seen as fundamental in analyzing and assessing the impact of World Bank investment support on Kosovo's agricultural development. The following methods are used to prove the conceptual thesis in the research process: systematic analysis; comparative analysis; graphical analysis; statistical methods - descriptive statistics and the linear regression method. When processing the empirical information, the specialized software SPSS and the statistical package of MS Excel were used.

4. Visualization and presentation of the results obtained.

The dissertation is presented in an introduction, four chapters and a conclusion, located on 209 pages, used literature and applications. The study was illustrated with 29 figures and 95 tables.

The dissertation presentation has a scientific style. The literature used includes 237 literary sources.

