



Review

On the dissertation work for obtaining an educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in: field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; professional sector 3.8 Economics; scientific specialty "Economics and Management (agriculture)"

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Theme of the dissertation: THE ROLE OF SUBSIDIES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS IN KOSOVO

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A brief presentation of the candidate.

PhD student Ghetoar Lyubenici graduated with a bachelor's degree in Banking, finance and accounting in 2012 from ILIRIA College, Kosovo. He graduated in 2015 with a master's degree in Banking, finance and accounting from ILIRIA College, Kosovo. From 2012 to 2015 he was an assistant at ILIRIA College, Kosovo, and from 2015 he lectured at ILIRIA College, Kosovo. Since May 2018 he has been a PhD student at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv, Faculty of Economics, Department of Economics. He speaks English well and has teamwork skills. Participates in project development. On 12.03.2020 (Minutes №209) the extended department council of the Department of Economics proposes to the Faculty Council at the Faculty of Economics to decide on opening a procedure for defense of the dissertation, presented by doctoral student Ghetoar Lyubenici on the topic: "THE ROLE OF SUBSIDIES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS IN KOSOVO".

1. Topicality of the problem.

The topicality of the dissertation work relates to the need to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the role of subsidies for the sustainable development of agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo, with a focus mainly on the economic aspects of sustainability. Agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo is an important industry for the national economy which, in addition to food production, creates employment and provides income in rural areas. The challenges of developing agriculture require the need for government programs and measures to support agriculture in order to ensure the food security of society, balanced territorial development and sustainability of the economy.

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



The purpose of the study is clearly and precisely formulated. The tasks of the study, the subject and the object are logically related to the intended purpose. In accordance with the purpose and tasks, the methodology of the study includes several main methods – comparative, monographic, method of analytical groups, average dimensions, statistical methods of research and analysis. The assessment of the impact of institutional factors on sustainable development is based on policy analysis matrices.

This methodology confirms the basic research thesis.

3. Illustrativeness and presentation of the results obtained.

The dissertation work is structured in an introduction, three chapters, conclusions and recommendations, with a total volume of 194 standard pages. It is illustrated in 47 tables and 28 figures. 172 literary sources were used.

4. Discussion of results and literature used

Chapter 1 details the theoretical and methodological foundations of government support in agriculture with a view to achieving sustainable development. There are numerous literature sources, presenting a large number of definitions, the theoretical framework of the study. Definitions and classifications of subsidies by different authors are presented, concepts of sustainable agricultural development and their relationship to institutional support are considered. Based on the theoretical analysis carried out, the PhD student has chosen a methodical framework of the study.

The methods and approaches used are correct and are evidence of the doctoral student's in-depth knowledge on this topic.

In *chapter two*, the PhD student presents a study, analysis and evaluation of the role of subsidies for the sustainable development of agribusiness in Kosovo. The role of agriculture for the economy of the Republic of Kosovo, the agrarian politics of the state and its evolution is presented in detail. A thorough analysis of the tools used to support agriculture has been carried out. The analysis is based on a survey carried out by the doctoral candidate. The sample includes 30% of the surveyed holdings, with 95% of them located in the Istog area, of Peja region. Based on the analysis and expert assessments, the matrixes for policy analysis are built, and the calculations, coefficients included in them and their derivatives are used to calculate the impact of institutional factors on Kosovo's agriculture. Based on calculations and analysis, the PhD student justifies several fundamental conclusions at the end of the chapter.

Chapter Three presents institutional opportunities to improve the sustainable development of agribusiness in Kosovo. Based on the analysis carried out in this chapter, Kosovo's agricultural sector is divided into two levels, sectorally and structurally, and on this basis the main support opportunities for its sustainable development have been formed.

On the basis of the analyses carried out in the dissertation work, its conclusion presents a number of main points that give the PhD the basis for formulating recommendations for the sustainable development of agribusiness in Kosovo in accordance with the existing public support for the sector. PhD student Ghettoar Lyubenichi presents knowledge of various information sources, and proves to be able to use them for the purposes of the study and possesses analytical skills that allow him to justify adequate conclusions and recommendations.

5. Contributions of the dissertation work

As a result of the work on the dissertation, scientific, theoretical and practical-applied contributions were derived.



I accept the report on the contributions, it realistically reflects the results achieved in the dissertation work and underlines its importance and its merits.

6. Critical notes and questions

I have a question, a note and a recommendation to the PhD student, which do not reduce the merits of the dissertation work.

- How can public support stimulate the improvement of infrastructure in rural areas of the Republic of Kosovo?
- Despite the in-depth literary overview of economic literature, there is no critical analysis of the positions of the authors under consideration. This prevents a better argumentation of the doctoral student's stated own positions.
- I recommend the PhD student in his future scientific activity to publish his research in specialized, referenced and indexed scientific journals.

7. Published articles and citations

Five publications related to the dissertation work are presented.

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Conclusion:

Based on the learned and applied by the PhD, different methods of study, the summaries and conclusions made, I believe that the dissertation presented meets the requirements of the Law for the development of the academic staff of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Agricultural University for its application, which gives me reason to evaluate a POSITIVELY.

I allow myself to propose to the venerable Scientific Jury to also vote positively and to award to GHETTOAR LYUBENICI, PhD student at the Department of



Economics, at the Agricultural University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Economics and Management (agriculture)".

17.07.2020

Reviewer:

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