



## REVIEW

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**Thesis topic:**

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF THE ENERGY PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN KOSOVO

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1. Brief introduction of the applicant.

Izet Hamez Hoti was born on 14.11.1960 in the Republic of Kosovo. He has completed his higher education at the Higher Pedagogical School with the Polytechnic Department at the University of Pristina and the Higher Technical School, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering, at the Mitrovica University of Pristina. He received his Master's Degree in Information Management from the University of Illyria-Pristina. He has been working in Kosovo's energy sector for over 34 years. He has held various positions as an electrical engineer, civil engineer, operational planning technologist. In recent years he has been involved in training. She is currently part of the staff of teachers at the Center for Vocational Education and Training in Pristina. His teaching activity is related to the professional training of staff for the needs of the Kosovo B power plant. He is the head of the professional practice in the training department of the Department of Engineering. He is responsible for the professional practice of students in various technical fields at the University of Pristina.

## **2. The relevance of the topic under the consideration**

Increasing the share of energy from agricultural products is a strategic goal globally. The rational use and production of this type of energy contributes to tackling negative climate change and promoting economic growth and employment, and to safe and affordable energy for consumers. Promoting the production and use of energy from agricultural products sets the overall framework for long-term, strategic goals for the

development of this energy sector.

In this context, I believe that the topic chosen addresses important and relevant research questions to clarify the overall economic role of biomass used for energy production. Particularly important in this regard is conducting an in-depth theoretical study to build a model for overall economic assessment that takes into account both strategic and long-term energy supply requirements. At the same time, there is a need for a more detailed analysis of the least discussed aspects - such as the social and regional division of income and jobs. In the dissertation, several topical questions are raised as the main focus of the strategic framework for energy production management:

- What is the economic importance of using biomass energy;
- To what extent is it appropriate to use state funds for biomass processing;
- What are the economic effects of biomass processing in relation to different energy prices;
- What is the value of biomass profits on the public heating market (kindergartens, schools, hospitals) and what are the economic conditions and difficulties for Kosovo's conditions.

Although many articles and research have been published in the Republic of Kosovo in recent years that affect a number of parameters of energy production from agricultural products, there is a lack of comprehensive study on the strategic management of this production, which is the subject of this thesis for production of biomass energy.

I believe that the doctoral student, with solid objective arguments, different approaches to the problems, methods and data sources for energy production from agricultural products in Kosovo has justified the relevance of the chosen topic.

