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SCIENTIFIC OPINION

on a dissertation for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "**Doctor**" in the field of higher education **3. Social, economic and legal sciences**, professional field **3.8 economics**, the scientific specialty **Organization and Management** (agriculture and subsectors).

Author of the dissertation: Avni Ilmi Gashi, PhD student in self-study at the Department of Management and Marketing at the Agricultural University, Plovdiv

Topic of the dissertation: „Cequal analysis of the agricultural policies of Bulgaria and Kosovo for agricultural development “.

Reviewer: Associate Professor Georgi Petrov Georgiev Ph.D, Higher School of Agribusiness and Regional Development; 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.8 Economics, the scientific specialty "Finance and Banking", appointed as a member of the scientific jury by order № RD-16-1077 / 25.11. 2020 by the Rector of AI.

1. Relevance of the problem.

The agricultural sector in the Republic of Kosovo is currently dominant in terms of GDP and has been traditionally important for the development of the local economy. After the war, the country's political leaders sought to develop the sector, recognizing its important strategic role. On the other hand, the Bulgarian experience can be used to transfer knowledge and management approaches in the field of Kosovo's agricultural sector. The topic of implementing appropriate policies in the agricultural sector in order to achieve sustainable development is undoubtedly a topical issue, which in recent years has increased its importance, both in relation to Kosovo and Bulgaria. In this sense, I find the topic dissertable and relevant.

2. Purpose, tasks, hypotheses and research methods.

The goal set in the dissertation is formulated as follows "to analyze in a comparative plan the agricultural policies of the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Bulgaria and to transfer, and to propose approaches to improve the agricultural development policy of the Republic of Kosovo." The tasks of the research development are formulated in the form of five consecutive stages.

The research methodology used in the dissertation does not differ in diversity and includes: research and literature review, comparative and SWOT analysis, systematic and graphical analysis. The main research method is an interview with a survey based on the method of expert assessments, which is not a typical example for the economic sphere.

3. Visualization and presentation of the obtained results.

Structurally, the presented scientific work consists of an introduction, two chapters, a conclusion and a list of references. In this respect, there is a relatively well-balanced exposure with minimal structural disparities. The content of the paper corresponds to the established topic of the dissertation and is logically sound.

The dissertation is developed in a volume of 133 pages, of which 130 are the main text. The study is illustrated with 21 tables and 18 figures.

4. Discussion of the results and used literature.

The main results of the dissertation research are a consequence of the SWOT analysis, which identifies the main factors, threats, dangers and opportunities to increase the competitiveness of agriculture in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Kosovo.

The dissertation is a completed monographic study on the possibilities for implementing successful agricultural policies in the Republic of Kosovo. To this end, the doctoral student has conducted a significant bibliographic review of theoretical and research publications. The bibliographic sources used are 39, 10 in Cyrillic and 29 in English.

The presented abstract for the dissertation is in a volume of 28 pages and is a synthesized exposition of the dissertation. It correctly and logically reflects the main points of the structure of the dissertation.

5. Scientific contributions.

Based on the provided materials, the following findings can be outlined with the nature of scientific and scientific - applied contributions:

- a critical, theoretical overview and analysis of modern concepts for policy implementation in the agricultural sector;
- a comparative analysis of the structural reforms and the conducted agricultural policies in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Kosovo has been performed;
- An in-depth SWOT analysis was conducted to identify threats and opportunities to increase competitiveness in both countries.

I accept the contributions referred to above as reliable, real and proven in the dissertation.

6. Critical remarks and questions.

The predominant part of the data used in tabular or graphical form in the dissertation is not relevant, but is from 10-15 years ago. the same applies to the literature sources used.

The procedure by which the method of expert assessments and the competencies of the participants was carried out is not described. There are no questionnaires used from the survey. There is a lack of use of economic models, formulary and empirical research. Not a good enough level of graphic design.

To a significant extent, the bibliographic citation does not comply with established Bulgarian and international standards.

Questions to the doctoral student:

- ❖ What statistical methods would you use to identify the current existing elements of convergence and structural differences between the specifics of the development of the agricultural sectors in Bulgaria and Kosovo?
- ❖ What indicators would you use to evaluate the degree of sustainable development of the agricultural sector in the two countries concerned?

7. Published articles and citations.

A total of 3 publications for the period 209 - 2020 have been presented, all of which have been published abroad. One citation of the doctoral student was registered.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the different research methods learned and applied by the doctoral student, the correctly performed experiments, the summaries and conclusions made, I believe that the presented dissertation meets the requirements of 3PACPE and the Regulations of the Agrarian University for its application, which gives me reason to evaluate it POSITIVE.

I allow myself to suggest to the honorable scientific jury to vote in favor and award of Avni Ilmi Gashi educational and scientific degree "**Doctor**" in the scientific specialty "Organization and management "(agriculture and subsectors).

Date: 15.01.2021
Plovdiv

Reviewer:
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