



REVIEWER'S POSITION

on a dissertation work for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in: field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.8. Economics, the scientific specialty "Economics and management (agriculture)" at the Agrarian University of Plovdiv - the city of Plovdiv

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Dissertation topic: Sustainability of Bulgarian grain production in the context of the European Green Deal

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1. Relevance of the problem.

The chosen topic is dissectible and allows to make reasoned conclusions, proposals and to formulate contributing aspects.

The purpose and tasks of the dissertation are adequate to the subject and object of research, and on the basis of theoretical interpretation and specific determination, a model for managing a sustainable grain-producing farm is adapted and approved.

The research toolkit used, covering various methods and approaches, is suitable for the purpose and tasks of the research, and has been applied correctly. The scientific toolkit is suitable for the specific problem and allows to draw reasoned conclusions.

I believe that the doctoral student categorically presents her scientific positions, which makes it possible to outline the theoretical and practical-applied contributing moments in the dissertation work.

The language and style of presentation in the dissertation work are at a good level. There are no repetitions or deviations in the presentation. The work is properly structured. There is a proportionality of its individual parts.

The presentation of the dissertation work is presented in four chapters, with a good balance being achieved in terms of their volumes, as well as their individual paragraphs, and in their totality they represent an independently completed study.

2. Purpose, tasks, hypotheses and research methods.

The researched problem, with its purpose, object, subject, tasks, thesis and achieved results, formulated conclusions and recommendations, are a request for easy practical applicability in a real business environment of the strategies and tactics approved by the author.

The purpose and objectives of the dissertation are related to the research thesis and are the basis of the well-composed structure and content of the dissertation. The tasks clearly define the directions in which the development is developed. The doctoral

student sufficiently substantiates the relevance and significance of the scientific research, supporting her thesis with the results of specific studies.

The object and subject of the dissertation work are clearly formulated, which implies the disclosure of good practices and solutions that would be useful for business.

Research methods are appropriately selected. The assumed limiting conditions refine the research framework.

The sources of information are contemporary. They are also supported by the author's own research. The research period is sufficient to fully illuminate the problem.

3. Transparency and presentation of the obtained results.

The dissertation submitted for evaluation by doctoral student Nataliya Yordanova Shukadarova on the topic "Sustainability of Bulgarian grain production in the context of the European Green Deal" is a logically connected, in-depth and wide-ranging scientific study developed in a total volume of 221 standard pages and consists of: introduction, four chapters, conclusion, literature used and cited.

The introduction contains all the necessary elements. The object and the subject, the research goal and tasks are correctly defined. The research is well balanced in terms of structure. The dissertation work is properly structured, which allows to examine the sustainability of Bulgarian grain production in the context of the European Green Deal with the necessary logical sequence.

The applications, which include in their most essential part the survey card, support and illustrate the findings of the author, being a prerequisite for the formulation of essential conclusions and recommendations for improving the management of the trademark.

4. Discussion of the results and used literature.

In chapter one, the author explores the conflict between pro-insurgency security and environmental policies. Attention is drawn to the importance of grain production for food security on a global and national scale. The impact of policies and investment trends in the sector is also examined. An assessment of the impact of the Green Deal on European grain production has been made. The Common Agricultural Policy and the reforms carried out for the period under review are also examined. In the second chapter, a methodological framework for researching the sustainability of Bulgarian grain production in the context of the European Green Deal is examined. The methodological framework is defined on quantitative and qualitative instruments. The PhD student has chosen an appropriate methodology and research toolkit that corresponds to the complex nature of the research. In the third chapter, an analysis of Bulgarian grain production on the path to achieving sustainable development is made. The work contains concrete results and empirical evidence that objectively reflect the real achievements of the conducted scientific research. In the fourth chapter there is a practical-applied aspect of the scientific research in the dissertation. Based on the model adapted and presented with real data, basic recommendations and guidelines for business improvement are derived in order to achieve sustainability of grain production under the conditions of the Green Deal.

The content of the dissertation testifies that the doctoral student has carried out an in-depth scientific study.

The dissertation was developed on the basis of an in-depth study of a large volume of theoretical and practical research. In the list of used literary sources, a total of 140

sources are indicated, of which 80 are in Cyrillic and 60 are in Latin, including Internet pages. The indicated literary sources are up-to-date and directly related to the topic of the dissertation work. Correctly, all citations and comments of the author are shown in parentheses in the text, which makes it easier to refer to the cited sources. The systematizations and summaries made show thoroughness and conscientious work with the literary sources.

My general conclusion is that a dissertation is a comprehensive, complete, well-structured study with significant scientific and scientific-applied results on a current and significant problem, which shows that the doctoral student is capable of independently conducting scientific research.

5. Contributions of the dissertation work.

I accept the main results formulated by the doctoral student and the points of contribution contained in the dissertation work. Contributions in the dissertation work can be divided into scientific and applied science. I accept the contributions as real, credible and proven in the course of the dissertation research.

The conclusions and proposal in the dissertation present Nataliya Shukadarova as an erudite researcher with good theoretical training, with opportunities for creative generalizations and formulating solutions from practice.

The doctoral student has published the main results of the research on the topic in 2 independent publications. The posts made are sufficient and directly related to the problem being developed.

The dissertation work of doctoral student Natalia Yordanova Shukadarova on the topic: "Sustainability of Bulgarian grain production in the context of the European Green Deal" is a completed independent scientific study. Scientific and scientific-applied contributions in the dissertation enrich scientific knowledge and support practice.

6. Critical Notes and Questions.

Regarding the dissertation work, I have no significant critical remarks and recommendations. I will allow myself to make a recommendation to the doctoral student - after further deepening and expanding the research on the topic, the development should be published in the form of a monograph with a view to reaching a wider circle of interested experts and a wider circle of readers in our country.

I would recommend the candidate to continue his scientific pursuits and try to publish and promote his research in world-renowned journals.

Doctoral student Nataliya Shukadarova uses precise, understandable and precise scientific language, defines the concepts important for the work and structures the dissertation work logically and coherently. A quality dissertation is presented, excellently illustrated, clearly outlined contributions with potential for development

The indicated remarks, recommendations, as well as the assessments presented in this opinion do not reduce the value of the analyzed materials, but should be perceived as recommendations in future development.

7. Published articles and citations.

Scientific publications are sufficient and are directly related to the developed problem.

The presented publications indicated in the abstract are a reflection of the theoretical and empirical studies in the dissertation work.

The dissertation research conducted, the results obtained, the dissertation publications and the formulated contributions are the personal merit of the doctoral student.

The presented abstract, in the amount of 48 pages, fully and accurately presents the content of the dissertation work. The abstract is presented in a synthesized form that meets the requirements. It is written in a clear, comprehensible and scientifically sound style, reflecting the main points of the dissertation and giving a clear idea of what the PhD student has achieved. The abstract contains the necessary logical sequence. It includes the general characteristics of the development, structure and content, a brief statement of the dissertation work, main conclusions and recommendations, contributions and publications on the topic. Citation reference not provided.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the different research methods learned and applied by the doctoral student, the correctly conducted experiments, the generalizations and conclusions made, I consider that the presented dissertation meets the requirements of the Regulations, which gives me reason to evaluate it POSITIVE.

I take the liberty of proposing to the honorable Scientific Jury to also vote positively and award Natalia Yordanova Shukadarova the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Economics and Management (Agriculture)".

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