

ESTIMATION

by **PhD. Vanio Hristov Konsulov - Professor at the „Paisii Hilendarski” University of Plovdiv**

for the materials submitted for participation in a competition for the academic credentials
“Associate Professor” at the **University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski"**
by area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences
professional field 3.8. Economy (Financial Markets and Financial Instruments)

In the competition for an associate professor, published in “Darjaven Vestnik” № 31 of 12.04.2019 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the Department of Finance and Accounting at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, as a candidate participated PhD. Gergana Valcheva Taneva from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

1. General presentation of the procedure and the applicant

For the participation in the competition, the applicant submitted an application with entry № K2 - 28 / 08.07.2019 and the required documents referred to in 16 points as appendices to it.

By order No P33-3750 dated 11.07.2019 of the Rector of the Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski I was appointed as a member of the scientific jury at a competition for the occupation of the academic position "**associate professor**" in the University of Plovdiv higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.8. Economics (Financial Markets and Financial Instruments), announced for the needs of the Department of Finance and Accounting at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

Only one candidate - PhD. Gergana Valcheva Taneva from the Department of Finance and Accounting of the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" has submitted documents for participation in the competition.

The set of paper and CD-ROMs written by PhD. Gergana Valcheva Taneva is in compliance with the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of the University of Plovdiv and includes all the documents required for the competition.

2. General characteristic of the applicant's activity

2.1. Assessment of educational and pedagogical activity

PhD. Gergana Valcheva Taneva is appointed with a labor contract at “Paisii Hilendarski” University of Plovdiv as a lecturer at the Finance and Accounting Department of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences. As of April 22, 2019, she served as "Assistant Professor" at the University 7 years and 2 months. During this period, she has held classes and lectures on the subjects of "General Financial Theory", "Financial Markets", "International Financial and Business History" and "Stock Exchanges".

She teaches mainly at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. The students she taught are from different specialties.

She has published a textbook "Financial Markets". In addition, there are two published monographs and 9 articles, studies and reports that are a solid foundation and essential help in preparing students for the disciplines she leads.

My direct impressions of PhD. Gergana Valcheva Taneva's educational and pedagogical work are **extremely positive**. With conviction, I can say that she is a respected and valued by the students, graduates, PhD students and faculty and university professors. Proof of this is not only the written assessments of the students, but also the visible extremely positive attitude of students, graduates and teachers to it. She is a member of the faculty council.

2.2. Assessment of scientific and applied research

To participate in the competition PhD. Gergana Valcheva Taneva has presented enough scientific publications, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

She presents 1148 pages of text, which includes two monographs, one textbook and 9 scientific papers, studies and scientific papers. One of the author's publications is from abroad. The study "A model for the assessment of economic risk in the financing of innovation projects of venture capital funds" is published in the "Economics Research" Magazine of the Institute for Economic Research of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. This complements FISN's additional requirement for a publication in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus or Web of science. Thus, PhD. Taneva fulfills all the legal and additional requirements for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor".

From the specialized literature I have researched, I have found **no evidence** of plagiarism on the part of the candidate.

The Candidate has presented five research projects in which she has taken an active part.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

The limited number of articles and studies published in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus or Web of Science is noticeable. In this sense, my recommendation is that in the future, she should strengthen her publicity activity in this direction.

CONCLUSION

After studying the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analyzing their significance, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and recommend to the Scientific Jury to vote "YES" the election of **PhD. Gergana Valcheva Taneva** for taking the academic position "**Associate Professor**" at the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" by area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.8. Economy (Financial Markets and Financial Instruments) in the Department of Finance and Accounting at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

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