

STATEMENT

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Subject: Competition for the occupation of the academic position “Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 3.8 “Economics”, professional area “Financial Markets and Financial Instruments”, promulgated in the State Gazette no. 31 of 04/12/2019

1. Information about the competition

The competition was announced by the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, for the needs of the Department of Finance and Accounting, according to the Decision of the Academic Council - Protocol № 35 / 03.25.2019.

I am a member of the Scientific jury for the competition according to Order No. P 33-3750 / 07.11.2019 of the Rector of Plovdiv University.

2. Brief information about the candidate in the competition

The candidate in the competition is Chief Assistant Dr. Gergana Valcheva Taneva. She was born on December 14, 1976 in Stara Zagora. She has a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Economics, with a Macroeconomics major, and a professional qualification in Banking and Insurance, all obtained from Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”. She received her doctoral degree on 17.12.2010 after defending a thesis titled: "The French banking groups and the financing of the Bulgarian market" at the University of Montesquieu, Bordeaux IV in France. From February 2012 until now she is a Chief Assistant in the Department of Finance and Accounting at the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

She is fluent in French, both written and spoken, and also commands English and Russian at a very good level.

3. Fulfilment of the requirements for occupation of the academic position

The only candidate for the academic position of Associate Professor is Chief Assistant Dr. Gergana Valcheva Taneva, has fulfilled and, according to some of the above mentioned indicators, exceeded the requirements for occupying this position. Over-performance refers to publications and citations in monographs and peer-reviewed volumes. Chief Assistant Dr. Taneva has also fulfilled all additional requirements of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences. They are related to participation in research, educational, scientific, applied and business projects, participation in refereed and indexed world-renowned scientific publications, etc.

The final assessment is that the applicant has fulfilled the minimum faculty and national requirements for taking the academic position of Associate Professor.

4. Assessment of educational activity

According to the Certificate of Work Experience, ref. № U-2049 / 04.24.2019, the applicant has 9 years, 9 months and 22 days of work experience, of which 7 years, 2 months and 22 days as a Chief Assistant Professor. Currently she is teaching lectures and seminars on the following subjects: "Financial Markets", "International Financial and Business History" and "Stock Exchanges".

My impressions of the teaching skills of Chief Assistant Dr. Gergana Valcheva Taneva is fully positive. Confirmation of this statement can also be found among her students. All surveys of teaching experience, preparedness and teaching skills show high appreciation of the candidate and this is eloquent evidence of my assertions.

5. Brief description of the submitted scientific papers / publications

The following table gives a clear idea of the type, self-participation and volume of scientific publications in Chief Assistant Dr. Gergana Taneva that she has presented for the purposes of the competition:

№	Type of scientific publication	<u>Self-authored</u>		<u>Co-authored</u>		<u>Total</u>	
		count	pages	count	pages	count	pages
1	Monographs	2	447	-	-	2	447
2	Textbooks and workbooks	2	571	-	-	2	571
3	Working papers	1	36	-	-	1	36
4	Scientific articles	4	72	4	23	8	95
5	Scientific reports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	9	1 126	4	23	13	1 149

The specific review of the applicant's publications gives grounds for distinguishing the following main areas of research:

- cryptocurrency payment systems;
- financial markets and strategies for hedging foreign exchange risk.

It is quite logical that the scientific achievements are in the outlined areas and in general they take the form of specific and practically applicable recommendations for improving the practical activity of the respective institutions and for changes in the national legislation.

The presented publications lacked any plagiarism.

The information on the scientific work of Gergana Taneva gives grounds to conclude that its volume is sufficient and more importantly, relevant as a quality and structure for applying for the academic position of "Associate Professor".

6. Key critical notes and recommendations

- to diversify her publications to a greater extent in the areas, in which she teaches.

Conclusion:

The stated opinions and the analysis and evaluation of the scientific, applied and pedagogic activity give me full reason and conviction to propose Chief Assistant Dr. Gergana Valcheva Taneva for the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 3.8. "Economics", professional area "Financial markets and financial instruments".

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