

POSITION

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition
for the academic position of '**associate professor**'
of **Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"**

in higher education : 3. Social, economic and legal sciences

professional field 3.8 Economics (Political Economy - Macroeconomics and Labour Market)

In the competition for 'associate professor', announced in the State Gazette, issue 57 from 26.06 20 20 , and in the website of the Plovdiv University for the needs of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of economics and social sciences, as a candidate participates Stefan Atanasov Raichev from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate

By order № P33 -4132 of 25.08.2020 of the Rector of the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU) I was appointed as a member of the scientific jury of a competition for the academic position of '**associate professor**' in PU in the field of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Studies, the professional field 3.8 Economics (Political Economy - Macroeconomics and Labour Market) , named for the needs of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of economics and social sciences.

For participation in the announced competition has submitted documents only candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Atanasov Raichev from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

Presented by Assistant Professor Stefan Raichev set of materials on a paper source **is** in accordance with the Rules for the development of the faculty of the UE, and includes the following documents:

1. Application in a template form to the rector for admission to participation in the competition;
2. CV in European format;
3. Diploma for higher education with acquired educational-qualification degree "master" ;
- 4 . Diploma for educational and scientific degree "doctor";
- 5 . List of scientific works;
- 6 . Reference for compliance with the minimum national and additional faculty requirements;

- 7 . Annotations of the materials under Art. 65. from PRASPU, including self-assessment of the contributions in Bulgarian and in English;
- 8 . Declaration of originality and authenticity of the attached documents;
- 9 . Certificate of work experience;
- 10 . Documents for educational work;
- 11 . Research documents;

The candidate Assistant Professor Stefan Raichev has submitted a total of 17 scientific papers, 1 study, 2 monographs, 1 chapter of a collective monograph, 1 book, 1 textbook and 12 articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes. 16 scientific papers are accepted for review , which are outside the dissertation and are considered in the final evaluation 1 textbook and 3 research projects. The candidate has 5 papers in English, published in proceedings of scientific conferences held abroad and in Bulgaria, organized by international scientific and professional organizations.

The only candidate in the competition - Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Raichev was born on September 12, 1984. He graduated from the University of Plovdiv with a bachelor's and master's degree, and since 2016 he has a doctorate in economics. The professional experience of the candidate as a lecturer (assistant and chief assistant) is in PU, where he has been working since October 2016.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

In teaching and pedagogical activity and preparation of the candidate - Ch. Assistant Professor. Stefan Raichev, PhD in my opinion, deserve a positive assessment because:

- has published 1 textbook ;
- has independently developed a course in Public Sector Economics ;
- participated in a team that developed a course in Economics;
- has lectured in a foreign language (including at a foreign university - the University of Valladolid);
- he has lectured and conducted seminars at the University of Plovdiv on the subjects "Microeconomics", "Economics", "Labour Economics", "Human Resources Management" and "Public Sector Economics" (a total of 1420 hours of classroom employment) ;

- he was the moderator of a scientific conference for students and doctoral students, he prepared reviews of students' dissertations.

The studied and scientific-applied activity of the candidate - Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Raichev I can also evaluate positively. To participate in the competition he has presented 17 scientific publications - 1 studios (in English language published in peer-reviewed publication) , 2 monographs, 1 head of collective monograph, 1 book, 1 textbook and 12 articles and reports published in unrefereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes .

The habitation paper presented by the candidate is a collective monograph "Social Cohesion (National, Regional and Structural Dimensions in the Context of Bulgaria-EU-Western Balkans)". The presented separation protocol proves that Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Stefan Raichev has a participation corresponding to the requirement for a monograph, and his main contribution is in Section II " National and regional dimensions of social cohesion (empirical economic analysis: EU - Bulgaria - regions in Bulgaria) " and Section III " Structural dimensions of social cohesion (empirical economic analysis: EU - Bulgaria - regions in Bulgaria) " .

The scientific and scientific-applied contributions contained in the works submitted by the participant in the competition can be assessed as enrichment of existing knowledge and proving with new tools and sources the significant new aspects of already existing scientific fields and problems. In concrete terms, I would outline the following more significant contributions:

- The monograph "Social Cohesion (National, Regional and Structural Dimensions in the Context of Bulgaria-EU-Western Balkans)" presents the results of a serious study of social cohesion in the context of Bulgaria-EU-Western Balkans, formulating conclusions about the role of public Bulgaria's cohesion policies , which at the moment cannot sufficiently contribute to Bulgaria's convergence with the EU countries, as well as to the risks for Bulgaria from the EU accession of the countries of the Western Balkans;
- The monograph "The Impact of Globalization on the Nature of Jobs and Employment" presents the results of a study of the impact of globalization on jobs and employment, formulating interesting conclusions about the impact of globalization on changes in technology that require more flexible employment, including teleworking, introduction of new management methods, new knowledge and skills related to the use of modern information and communication technologies;
- in the chapter of the collective monograph “Social cohesion in the field of education - level reached in Bulgaria, the EU and the Western Balkans. European integration today - some

problems and opportunities "outlines the role of cohesion in education as a basis on which to build the future united and economically developed EU;

- the publication "Tools for evaluating the effectiveness of the public sector" presented the results of a study of the role of various tools for evaluating the effectiveness of the public sector, as a prerequisite for higher results in economic and social policy at local, regional and national level;
- the publication "Survey of the inactive population in Bulgaria at a young age and the role of public policies in the labor market" formulates guidelines for effective use of active labour market policies as a tool for activating the young population and their inclusion in the labour market;
- the publication "Trends in the disparities between labour productivity and wages" formulates conclusions about the existing sectoral disparities, which are a prerequisite for inefficient allocation of resources in the national economy;
- The publication "Toward Sustainable Growth To Support Youth Employment" outlines the role and importance of investment in development and research, along with investment and the introduction of eco-innovation as a factor in stimulating youth employment.

Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Raichev has participated in the implementation of 3 scientific and educational projects - 1 university at PU and 2 national, funded by the Operational Program "Human Resources Development" and Operational Program "Science and Education for Smart Growth" with PU .

Based on the submitted scientific papers and information for participation in projects, I can say that the candidate meets the quantitative requirements (minimum and additional for the University of Plovdiv) to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor".

According to the presented reference it can be seen that there are 6 citations of the candidate's publications - 2 citations in indexed and referenced scientific journals and 4 citations in non-refereed publications with scientific review.

The scientific results and contributions of the candidate, contained in the scientific papers submitted for the competition are his personal merit.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

Critical remarks, of course, can be made about the candidate's scientific work, but they are of such a nature that does not diminish my overall positive assessment.

As a recommendation to the candidate for future research, I would point out his orientation towards the development of the labour market in the context of research on the future of labour conducted under the auspices of the International Labour Organization and the consequences of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Raichev **meet all the requirements** of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for implementation of ZRASRB and the respective Regulations of the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

After examining the submitted competition materials and scientific works, analysing their significance and contained therein scientific and applied contributions, I find it reasonable to give his **positive** assessment and **to** recommend scientific panel to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences for election of Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Atanasov Raichev, PhD to the academic position of 'Associate Professor' at the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" by professional field 3.8 Economics (Political Economy - Macroeconomics and Labour Market).

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Prepared the Position

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