

SCIENTIFIC OPINION

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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 the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences

professional field 3.8. Economics (Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies)

In the competition for ‘associate professor’, announced in the State Gazette, issue 40 of 14.05.2021 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, as a candidate participates Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova from the Department of Economic Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate

By order № P33-3127 of 12.07.2021 of the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU) I was appointed 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 sciences, professional field 3.8 Economics (Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies), **announced for the needs** of the Department of Economic Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

Only one candidate has submitted documents for participation in the announced competition, namely Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova from the Department of Economic Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

Presented by Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova set of materials on paper is in full compliance with the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of PU, and includes the following documents:

- Order of the Rector of the University of Plovdiv for determining the scientific jury under the competition procedure;
- application form for admission to participation in the competition;
- CV;
- diploma for completed higher education with acquired master's degree;
- diploma for ONS doctor;
- list of scientific works;
- copies of publications;
- reference for fulfillment of the minimum national requirements and of the additional faculty ones;
- annotations of the materials;
- declaration of originality and authenticity;

- certificate of work experience;
- documents for educational work;
- appendices to the documents for educational work;
- documents for research work.

The documents submitted by the candidate Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova are characterized by order, completeness and integrity.

Based on the submitted documents and in particular the submitted CV, it can be concluded that the candidate Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova has significant experience in research and has worked for some time in the field of trade and administration. Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova has successively obtained a Bachelor's degree in Economics / International Economic Relations /, a Master's degree in Economics / International Trade / and a PhD in Economics / 3.8 in Economics, Doctoral Program in Political Economy / at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

I have no personal impressions of the candidate, except for those acquired during the procedure of this competition.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

The candidate Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova shows a very good educational and pedagogical activity.

The materials presented in the procedure of this competition prove the exceptionally good preparation of the candidate, such as: prepared teaching materials, conducted lecture courses, work with students, participation in projects, etc.

The scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate Dobrinka Stoyanova can be assessed as very good, fully complying with the requirements of this competition. In the current procedure for competition for "Associate Professor" Dr. Stoyanova participates with the following works: a monograph, which is an independent development; participation in the development of

two collective monographs; chapter from a collective monograph; eleven other publications for a period of four years - 2017-2020; a textbook in Economics and a published book based on a defended dissertation for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

The publications of the candidate Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova have clear scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions.

It makes a very good positive impression that the author successfully manages to develop both independent research and jointly with other authors.

Another very positive moment of the scientific activity of the candidate Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova is the fact that the publications are in various renowned journals and on the occasion of scientific conferences.

In addition, a positive attestation of the author's qualities is the fact that some of the publications are in English.

From a substantive point of view, the monograph presented for the purposes of the competition is extremely interesting and up-to-date. The topic of the monograph is "Macroeconomics and the labor market in the conditions of a currency board". The elapsed time of 24 years since the introduction of the Currency Board in the Republic of Bulgaria provides a good opportunity for scientific research. I accept full proof of the thesis of the study that "... when the Bulgarian economy, as a small and highly open economy, grows, it is accompanied by large macroeconomic imbalances." I accept as a contribution to the monograph the proof through the conducted research that regardless of the conventional theory, which defines the currency board as insufficiently flexible in relation to external shocks, the opposite of the Bulgarian economy is valid.

From a research point of view, it would be good for the author to seek answers to questions whether there are imbalances in the labor market in the Republic of Bulgaria, if "yes" which are the most significant, what they are due to, what are the consequences and what measures can be taken. their reduction.

A collective monograph on "Social Cohesion (National, Regional and Structural Dimensions in the Context of Bulgaria-EU-Western Balkans)" was presented. A separation protocol between the three authors is correctly presented. The contribution of the candidate Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova is significant. I accept as scientific and scientific-applied contributions the researched theoretical and methodological issues of social cohesion, as well as the national and regional dimensions of social cohesion (empirical economic analysis: EU - Bulgaria - regions in Bulgaria).

A second collective monograph on "The Impact of Globalization on the Nature of Jobs and Employment" was presented. A separation protocol between the three authors is correctly presented. The contribution of the candidate Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova is significant. I accept as scientific and scientific-applied contributions the researched theoretical and methodological issues, as well as the employment, the dynamics and the dependencies of the main types of employment according to the working hours.

A positive aspect in the candidate's work are the two materials prepared - a textbook on Economics and a published book based on a defended dissertation for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor". In the Economics textbook, the author focuses on economic theory, focusing on two areas: the behavior of households and companies in commodity and factor markets and the functioning of the national market and the interaction between economic sectors in the context of major macroeconomic problems and objectives, tools and consequences. macroeconomic policies.

Based on the submitted documentation on the procedure of this competition I can make a reasonable assessment of the presence of a clear personal contribution of the candidate Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova in the relevant publications, and fully formulated contributions and results are her personal merit.

Based on the submitted information regarding the implementation of national minimum requirements according to the Law for the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation, it can be concluded that the candidate Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova meets the relevant criteria as follows: group "A" - 50 points at a minimum 50 points; group "B" - 100 points with a minimum of 100 points; group "D" - 303.9 points with a minimum of 200 points; group "E" - 65 points with a minimum of 50 points. The candidate Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova also meets the additional indicators for evaluation of the

candidates. Dr. Stoyanova also meets the additional requirements for the academic position of "Associate Professor" according to Art. 58 of the Regulations for development of the academic staff at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski". For the period 2016 - 2021 Dobrinka Stoyanova has prepared and delivered lectures on the following four subjects: Macroeconomics; Macroeconomics 2nd level; Economics and Economics of Tourism.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I do not have significant principled or formal critical remarks and recommendations to the scientific works and activities of the candidate Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova.

I can recommend Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova to deepen her research in the field of employment, income, youth unemployment, their relationship with macroeconomic policy and policies within the EU and trends in the world economy. I am convinced that the author will contribute to the achievement of future scientific and scientific-applied contributions in the researched areas.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by the **candidate Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova** 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 relevant Regulations of PU "Paisii Hilendarski".

The candidate in the competition has submitted a significant number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of ONS 'Doctor'. In the works of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received international recognition as a representative part of them are published in journals and scientific journals published by international academic publishers. Her theoretical developments have practical applicability, as some of them are directly oriented to the educational work. The scientific and teaching qualification of the candidate Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova is undoubted.

Achieved by the candidate Ch. Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova results in teaching and research activities fully comply with the specific requirements of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski", adopted in connection with the Rules of PU for application of ZRASRB.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, analysis of their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my **categorical positive assessment** and recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the election of **Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova** to the academic position of 'Associate Professor' at the University of Plovdiv "P. Hilendarski" in professional field 3.8. Economics (Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies).

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