

OPINION

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For the competition for occupying the academic position of "associate professor" at the Faculty of Law of the University of Plovdiv "Paisiy Hilendarski" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.6. "Law (Administrative Law and Administrative Procedure), announced in SG no. 96/17.11.2023

I present this opinion as a member of the scientific jury in procedure for occupying the academic position of "associate professor" at the Faculty of Law of the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.6. Law (Administrative law and administrative Procedure), announced in SG no. no. 96/17.11.2023., appointed by Order No. RD 21-82 of 16.01.2024 to the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

One candidate submitted documents in the competition for the academic position of "docent" - Dr. Antonia Georgieva Ilieva, currently holding the academic position of "chief assistant professor" in the Public Law Department of the Faculty of Law of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski. A set of materials on paper and electronic media is presented in accordance with Art. 66, para. 2 of the Regulations for the Promotion of the Academic Staff of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski". The candidate participates in the competition with a published habilitation thesis entitled "Current Issues of the Contract under Public Procurement Act" , a chapter of a collective monograph "Legal Regime of Public Procurement under Public Procurement Act", a published textbook on Administrative Law and twenty-four more scientific publications.

The candidate complies with the minimum national requirements, the requirements of the Promotion of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and the Regulations for its implementation are met, and the candidature is admissible for consideration on the merits.

From the point of view of acquired educational and qualification degree and educational and scientific degree:

The candidate Antonia Ilieva obtained an education in the specialty "law" with a professional qualification as a lawyer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Plovdiv and obtained an educational and scientific degree "doctor" there in 2016. The educational and scientific degree was obtained through the doctoral program "Administrative Law and Administrative Procedure" in a professional direction 3.6 Right to fulfil the requirement of Art. 24, para. 1, item 1 of the Act.

From the point of view of the scientific production submitted for review:

The presented dissertation examines a current topic in a specific part of administrative law and the administrative process. The candidate has a very high level of mastery of the matter and the practically complex issues; she has studied the case law. The book is divided into five chapters, a conclusion and a bibliography. The volume of work is 190 pages. The presented scientific work has the meaning and the necessary qualities of a monographic study and of a practical aid with scientific and practical contributions and an emphasized practical value. The analysis of the legal nature of the contract under the Public Procurement Law and the distinction from similar legal institutes is thorough. Analysed in a separate chapter is the current topic of money laundering through a public procurement contract. I note the good analysis of the practically important issues of the qualification system and the subcontract.

Another 24 scientific publications and a chapter of a collective monograph were submitted, which were not submitted for review in another procedure; that exceeds the requirements of the law.

As for professional experience: the candidate has held the academic position of "chief assistant professor" since 2016 and has gained practical experience in teaching. As a person with the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" she teaches lectures on the Legal Regime of Public Procurement and the Legal Regime of Health Care at the Faculty of Law of the University of Plovdiv. She is able to develop teaching plans and is familiar with educational documentation.

I have not established evidence of plagiarism or use of foreign scientific contributions in a manner not permitted by law.

In summary, I find that the totality of acquired educational and scientific-educational degrees, quantity and quality of scientific production and professional experience, the candidate Antonia Georgieva Ilieva meets the requirements of the Promotion of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the Regulations for its implementation and the relevant Regulations of the University of Plovdiv, and if she occupies the academic position "associate professor" she will meet the demands for it. Accordingly, I give a positive assessment and propose to the scientific jury to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" the election of Antonia Georgieva Ilieva to the academic position of "associate professor" in Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" in area of higher education 3. Social , economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.6. Law (Administrative Law and Administrative Procedure).

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