

## OPINION

by **Prof. Dr. Ivan Todorov Todorov**  
of the materials submitted for participation in  
a competition for the academic position of **Professor**  
of **Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski**

in: field of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Sciences  
professional direction 3.6. Law (Administrative Law and Administrative Process)

In the competition for **Professor**, announced in the State Gazette, issue 98/19.11.2024 and on the internet page of **Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski** for the needs of the Department of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, as a candidate participates **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Dragnev Yordanov** from the Faculty of Law at Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski.

### 1. General presentation of the submitted materials and the candidate

By Order No. RD-22-70/17.01.2025г. of the Rector of Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski (PU) I have been appointed as a member of the Scientific Jury of a competition for the academic position of **Professor** in **PU** in the field of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Sciences, professional direction 3.6 Law (Administrative Law and Administrative Process), **announced for the needs of** the Department of Public Law at the Faculty of Law of PU.

Only one candidate submitted documents for participation in the announced competition: **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Dragnev Yordanov** from the Faculty of Law at Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski.

The submitted by **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Dragnev Yordanov** set of materials in paper format is **in accordance with** the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of PU. The candidate **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Dragnev Yordanov has submitted** for review a total of 5 scientific papers – 2 monographs and 3 articles.

### Brief biographical data of the candidate.

The candidate **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Dragnev Yordanov** graduated in Law at the Faculty of Law of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski in 1991. In the period 1993-1998, he started as an assistant, then became a senior assistant at the Burgas Free University, and in the period 2000-2010, he was a chief assistant there. In 2001 he obtained a scientific and educational degree Doctor of Law with thesis topic: *Management of municipal properties – current administrative and legal aspects*. Since 2007 he is Assistant Professor in Administrative Law and Administrative Process and until now is also a habilitated lecturer at the University Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov, Burgas, Faculty of Social Sciences. In the period 2010 - 2012 is a habilitated

lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the Varna Free University and from 2012 to the present – a habilitated lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Plovdiv University.

I have known the candidate for over 20 years and my categorical opinion is that he possesses exceptionally high scientific and teaching qualities in administrative law and process. Together with him, we participated in the commission for the creation of the Administrative Procedure Code and are co-authors of the first book - a commentary on this code.

## **2. General characteristics of the candidate's activities.**

As can be seen from the attached documents in the competition procedure, the candidate has gone through the entire ladder of teaching activity at various universities, which shows his commitment to teaching work.

Assoc. Prof. Yordanov is dedicated to teaching, teaching a number of administrative law disciplines.

A high evaluation of the candidate's scientific activity should be given.

The candidate has presented 5 serious scientific works, including two monographs.

All works are registered in the National Centre for Information and Documentation.

The candidate has met all the necessary regulatory, including scientometric requirements for participation in the competition procedure.

## **3. Most significant scientific contributions in the presented monograph and other publications.**

The monograph *Regional Development* for the first time in the Bulgarian doctrine provides a comprehensive view of regional development in the interaction of all its aspects. This is the optimal way to analyze and build an accurate legal model of a fundamental aspect of Administrative Law - the legal regulation of the interaction at all levels of territorial authorities, central authorities and EU bodies. A serious scientific contribution is the developed model for optimal legal regulation of the interaction between these mainly administrative authorities in the dynamics of the overall operation of European and national law.

An undoubted scientific contribution is the development of the concepts of region and regional development. Of great practical importance is the classification of regions according to the economic and, accordingly, legally established goals, on the basis of which they are distinguished.

An issue that has not been fully explored so far is particularly successfully addressed in the monograph – the need to unify districts due to their non-compliance with the minimum population threshold and the resulting difficulties for their optimal management and implementation of fundamental regulatory requirements.

Important scientific contributions of great practical importance are the recommendations for changes and additions to the current regulatory framework, including conclusions on necessary changes with a view to harmonization with EU law.

The candidate also has a number of other significant scientific contributions to the monograph under consideration.

I also highly appreciate the scientific contributions in the other publications submitted by the candidate. I will only note the exceptional importance of the legal aspects of territorial planning. The lack of optimal regulation of territorial planning is one of the reasons for the weaknesses in the regulatory framework of the regions and local self-government. The proposals made by the candidate are of the highest practical importance.

#### **4. Critical observations and recommendations**

I do not find any significant shortcomings or incompleteness in the scientific works submitted for review. All scientific theses are very precisely justified, after a thorough analysis. Perhaps the candidate could consider whether the fact that the Regional Development Act and the Regulations for its implementation do not provide provisions governing the control of regional development acts means that the issue is not sufficiently regulated in general laws such as the APC and the laws providing for control by central authorities and regulators over the acts of regional authorities. In particular, it can be considered whether the APC does not provide sufficient criteria for distinguishing normative from general acts. Naturally, some clarifications in special laws are always practically useful and, moreover, are a priority.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The documents and materials submitted by the applicant meet all the requirements of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ADASRB) and the relevant Regulations of Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski.

I rate very highly the presented scientific works. There are numerous and significant scientific and scientific-applied contributions. I also highly appreciate the teaching activity of the candidate.

I categorically support the candidate **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Dragnev Yordanov** for the academic position of Professor.

I recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law of Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski for the selection of **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Dragnev Yordanov** for taking the academic position of Professor at Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski in: field of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Sciences, professional direction 3.6. Law (Administrative Law and Administrative Process).

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