

Master's Thesis Opponent's Expert Opinion

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 Title of Master's Thesis: Application of sustainability concept in selected sub-regions
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Thesis Evaluation Criteria

	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Cannot be evaluated
Degree of achievement of the aim of the thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Original attitude to the topic processing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adequacy of the methods used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Depth of analysis (relative to topic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logical structure of the thesis and scope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with Czech and foreign literature including citations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formal arrangement of the thesis (text, charts, tables)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language level (style, grammar, terminology)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicability of the Results of the Thesis

	High	Medium	Low	Cannot be evaluated
For theory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Comments on the Thesis

The aim of this thesis is to use of sustainability as a measure in terms of analysis of regional economic development. However, the author defines (page 3) additional aim as follows: “the aim of the work is to evaluate the outcome of the country’s policies and programmes within the concept of sustainable development in terms of their effectiveness and efficiency toward the global effort to sustain the globe and the people within”. Moreover, student proposed additional objectives and research questions that are not well argued. The choice of selected country (Finland) is also confusing. The diploma thesis has no logical structure and contains number of format errors. The third chapter presents interesting models of sustainable development, but unfortunately their interpretation and quality of processing is poor. Chapter four conducts research – Table 1 in this chapter is quite confusing. Figure 9 and its results are not well described. In conclusions, it would be appropriate to support some of the arguments with citations.

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Questions and Suggestions for Defence

I have no additional questions. However, I suggest that the student could explain the criteria on the basis of which he chose research questions.

Final Evaluation

I **recommend** the thesis for the defence.

I propose to grade this Master's Thesis as follows: **E**

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