

## Master Thesis Opponent Report

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The title of the thesis	Sustainable Developemtn of EU Countries
Name of opponent	Ing. Martin Mašťálka, Ph.D.

Difficulty	Level		
	Above average	Average	Below average
Theory	x		
Practical knowledge		x	
Input data, supporting documents		x	

Criteria of evaluation	Level			
	Above average	Average	Below average	Unable to evaluate
Fulfilment of the objectives	x			
Self-reliance				x
Logical structure of thesis	x			
Bibliographic references, citations	x			
Adequacy of used methods	x			
Depth of analysis		x		
Level of solution implementation		x		
Formal layout of thesis		x		
Stylistic level	x			
Analysis, mathematical methods, comparisons	high	average	low	not available
		x		
Applicability of proposals to problem solution	high	average	low	not available
		x		
Relevance of appendices (tables, graphs, figures)	high	average	low	not available
		x		

### Other comments

The diploma thesis deals with the level of implementation of the principles of the sustainable development in the EU. The student chose four countries to describe the situation in the EU. The theoretical part is very extensive and deep. However, the reviewer missed the note about the Club of Rome and it's report *The Limits to Growth* which is one of the crucial documents in the development of the movement of sustainability.

The student clearly explained the process of selection of the countries. The countries' benchmarking was done upon the Eurostat data. For the benchmarking, there were used the time-lines which is good attitude. All the graphs and indicators are commented, some of the comments would need the further discussions but the text is understood as a student's opinion to the researched situation. The opponent would recommend to use the other style of graphs in case of describing the time-lines as well as using expression of some indicators recounted per capita or GDP (e.g. Figure 9, p.61 and Figure 10, p.62) as it was done in case of the Figure 12, p.65.

The reviewer clarifies that the clarity and professionalism of expression in thesis is all right. There are some minor formal mistakes but they do not influence overall meaning of the thesis. The objectives of the work were fulfilled and submitted work is in accordance with the requirements for the Master Thesis.

Question:

- 1) According to your opinion is there any country in the EU that is nowadays focused mainly to the environmental pillar of the sustainable development and that believes that such an attitude will positively affect also the economic and social development? Which one? What do you think about its policy?

**I suggest the grade:**

Excellent minus



Ing. Martin Maštálka, Ph.D.

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