

Master Thesis Opponent Report

Name of the student	Bc. Anderson Henry Junior
The title of the thesis	Effect of innovation and research activities on regional development
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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 impact of the research and development and innovations in the regions of the European Union. The thesis is based on two hypotheses: H1 – Regional research and development inputs have a positive and significant relationship with regional innovation which is measured by number of patents per inhabitants and H2: Regional innovation measured by number of patents per inhabitants has an impact on regional development indicators.

The aim of the thesis has been fulfilled. It could be discussed if the student has chosen the right regional development indicators – there were chosen only economic indicators which is not the best way. The Recommendations in the chapter 4.2. are very short and very common.

The author would better work with the direct citations and citations themselves (e.g. p.13 where is the citation but no author). There is also lack in design of some tables (e.g. p.55 where the headline is to be found on the page No. 55 and all the data on the page No. 56).

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

Question:

- 1) Could you compare situation in your country to the one in the Czech Republic in the field of innovation and research and development. Name five steps or tools that would be done by the government in your country to improve the situation.

I suggest the grade:

Excellent minus



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