

Master's Thesis Supervisor's Expert Opinion

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 Title of Master Thesis: The impact of state aid on the firms' innovation performance: an international comparative study
 Aim of the Thesis: to analyze the approaches of national governments in a selected group of European countries that use various tools (economic and non-economic) to support the innovative performance of the firms.
 Thesis Supervisor: prof. Ing. Jan Stejskal, Ph.D.
 Study Programme: RDG
 Academic Year: 2021/2022

Difficulty of the Topic

	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Cannot be evaluated
Theoretical knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Input data and their processing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methods used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thesis Evaluation Criteria

	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Cannot be evaluated
Degree of achievement of the aim of the thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with Czech and foreign literature including citations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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

Theoretical part: many literary references are used, many of which are insignificant in the field. I would expect to work with much better primary sources.

Practical part:

- lacks hypotheses development, it is not clear how the author defined the hypotheses and research questions that interest him. I consider this to be a very serious mistake.
- the results depend on the input primary data, which is also reflected in the quality of the results and conclusions of the master thesis.
- the aim of the work was to focus on financial and non-financial instruments. Again, due to the quality of the available data, some non-financial instruments are relatively marginal.
- the sample size is not sufficiently described, the characteristics of the research sample of companies are missing.
- it was not sufficiently satisfactorily explained why the author focus on the V4 countries.
- recommendations (chapter 5.2) are very theoretical, difficult to apply in practice.

I blame the author for the formal modification of the tables, which does not comply with the requirements.

Comments on the Outputs from the Theses System

assessed, plagiarism not detected

Questions and Suggestions for Defence

1. Show on the example of one of the hypotheses the so-called hypothesis development. Explain on a scientific basis how you set out selected hypothesis.
2. You recommend: "Policymakers should ensure that state aid control policies are put in active operation in order to ensure that SMEs within the V4 member state are effective in attaining innovation performance." Please explain how it is practically possible to assess the effectiveness of innovation performance.

Final Evaluation

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

I propose to grade this Master thesis as follows: **D**

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