

Master's Thesis Supervisor's Expert Opinion

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Title of Master's Thesis: Impact of Good Governance in EU Law

Aim of the Thesis: The thesis aims to examine the impact of good governance on the framework and application of EU Law. By focusing on key principles such as accountability, transparency, the rule of law, and proportionality, the research will highlight how these principles contribute to policy effectiveness. Through comparative analysis and case studies, the research will explore the integration of good governance in EU institutions and its implications for member states. The goal is to analyze the impact of good governance on EU institutions' administrative practices and its implications for member states.

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Difficulty of the Topic

	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Cannot be evaluated
Theoretical knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language level (style, grammar, terminology)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Comments on the Thesis

The thesis, spanning approximately 70 pages, examines the impact of good governance on the framework and application of EU law. To achieve this objective, the author initially reviews existing literature to establish a theoretical foundation for the principles of the rule of law, transparency, proportionality, and accountability, and their evolution within the context of EU law.

Subsequently, the thesis delves into the significance of these values for EU Member States and the role of EU institutions in promoting them. Case studies of Hungary and Poland, along with an analysis of ECJ case law, are employed to illustrate the European approach. Particular attention is given to EU enforcement mechanisms and their effectiveness. The author concludes that these values are essential for fostering democratic legitimacy and policy effectiveness across all EU Member States. The EU institutions have developed sophisticated tools to promote the rule of law, including financial sanctions under the Conditionality Regulation. However, the comparative analysis of Hungary and Poland reveals that domestic political will is paramount.

The research methods employed are appropriate. The subject matter is discussed comprehensively, although the analysis could have been more in-depth. The literature review and case law study meet the requirements of a diploma thesis, yet the arguments presented in the cases could have been better generalized. Some recommendations are overly broad and impractical (such as abandoning the unanimity vote under Article 7 TEU). Nevertheless, the research aim has been achieved.

The work is readable and contains only occasional grammatical errors that do not impede comprehension. However, it suffers from some formal layout issues.

Overall, the thesis meets all the requirements for a diploma thesis. For these reasons, I rate the thesis with a grade of C, as indicated below.

Comments on the Outputs from the Theses System

The thesis is not burdened with plagiarism, the maximum match with similar works shown by the anti-plagiarism Theses system is 1%.

Questions and Suggestions for Defence

1. How could the EU address the challenges posed by varying levels of political will among Member States? Which of your recommendations do you believe are most feasible and impactful?
2. Can you discuss the effectiveness of financial sanctions under the Conditionality Regulation?

Final Evaluation

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

I propose to grade this Master's thesis as follows: **C**

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