

POSITION

regarding a competition for the academic position of "associate professor", approved by decision of the NA, protocol No.10/15.06.2022, and by order of the Director No.281/27.06.2022, announced by the Economic Research Institute at the BAS in SG, No.33 of 29.04.2022

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Candidate: chief assist. prof. Nedyalko Mariev Nestorov, PhD

1. General assessment of the candidate's research activities

For participation in the competition for the academic position "associate professor", chief assist. prof. Nedyalko Mariev Nestorov, PhD presented as follows:

- from Group B – 1 habilitation thesis (monograph);
- from Group D – 1 book based on a dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "doctor", 1 article published in a scientific publication, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information, 13 articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes and 2 studies published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information.

The main thematic focus of the candidate's scientific results is aimed at the field of foreign trade, Bulgarian exports and the foreign trade activity of Bulgarian enterprises. Of the presented studies, articles and reports, about 30% are in English, and the rest are in Bulgarian.

The scientific results do not reproduce the already presented scientific production for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" (PhD) and for occupying the academic position "chief assistant".

2. Quantitative assessment of the compliance with the minimum national scientometric requirements and the requirements of the Regulations of the ERI at the BAS

According to the materials submitted for evaluation, the candidate Nedyalko Nestorov fulfills the minimum scientometric requirements for obtaining the academic position of "associate professor" at the ESI at the BAS. From the report provided, it is clear that a total of 515 points were obtained, which is significantly more than both the minimum threshold under LDASRB - 400 points, and the minimum requirements according to the Regulations of the ERI at the BAS for holding the position - 450 points. + a minimum of 1 publication in indicators 6 or 8.

The presented works, publications and citations fully reflect the candidate's actual professional and scientific results and are indicative of his compliance with the requirements of the ERI at the BAS for the occupation of the academic position of "associate professor".

3. Evaluation of the candidate's results and scientific contribution

The achieved results and scientific contributions of the candidate can be summarized in the following main directions:

Direction 1. Theoretical-methodological aspects related to sustainability

- A systematization and classification of the understanding of sustainability was carried out (publications in B3.1).
- An author's coefficient of economic sustainability – CS was proposed and approved (publications in B3.1).
- The sustainability of Bulgarian exports was assessed at different levels of aggregation - for all exports, separately for goods and services, as well as at the lowest level - for certain types of goods and services (publications in B3.1).

Direction 2. Theoretical and practical-applied aspects concerning foreign trade

- A coefficient for establishing the geographical stability of foreign trade transactions was developed and tested (publications in D.6.1; D.8.1).
- A coefficient for establishing the geographical concentration of foreign trade transactions has been developed and tested (publications in D.6.1; D.8.1).
- The leading countries - trade partners of Bulgaria in terms of imports and exports, together with the geographical stability of foreign trade transactions and the geographical concentration of foreign trade transactions of Bulgarian foreign trade for the period 2015-2021 have been established (publications in D.6.1; D.7.1; D.7.2; D.7.4; D.7.5; D.7.7; D.8.1).
- The added value of the Extractive Industries sector in the European context has been assessed (publications in D7.3).
- The contribution of the enterprises from the "Extractive industry" sector to the Bulgarian economy was assessed, through the indicators of added value and number of employed persons (publications in D7.3).
- The export potential of Bulgarian production and its impact on the economic growth of the country was assessed (publications in D.7.6; D.7.9).
- Opportunities, medium-term prospects and trends for the Bulgarian export of goods from the "Ores, slags and ashes" and "Ores and concentrates" classes in the period 2000 - 2015 have been evaluated (publications in D7.8; D8.1).
- The changes in the use of ICT (Internet, e-commerce, automated data exchange) by Bulgarian enterprises have been established within the framework of the NSI research from 2004 and 2014 (publications in D7.11).
- The changes in Bulgaria's high-tech exports in the period 2007-2018 have been identified. (publications in D7.9).
- A model was derived for the influence of final consumption, gross capital formation, export and import on the GDP of Bulgaria for the period 2001-2014 (publications in D7.12).

4. Assessment of the originality of the presented works and the credibility of the presented scientific results

The presented scientific works, articles and reports have an original character and are aimed at researching current issues that are not sufficiently researched in the scientific literature. The candidate successfully fills this gap in Bulgarian economic science and contributes

significantly to its enrichment.

In addition, it can be concluded that the research presented in the contest is personal work of the author and no plagiarism has been found.

5. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no specific critical notes and recommendations to the candidate's research and publication activity.

6. Conclusion

From the abovementioned, it can be concluded that the candidate chief assistant professor Nedyalko Mariev Nestorov, PhD has presented scientific results that, in quantitative and qualitative terms, meet and exceed the requirements of the ERI at the BAS for holding the academic position of "associate professor".

The achieved scientific and scientific-applied contributions significantly enrich the existing knowledge in the field in which the candidate works. In addition, the latter carries out active scientific research and expert activity.

Based on the above-mentioned arguments, I give a **positive assessment** and I propose the chief assistant professor Nedyalko Mariev Nestorov, PhD to take the academic position of "associate professor" at the Economic Research Institute at the BAS.

Date: 13.07.2022 г.,
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Signature:
(assoc.prof. A. Naydenov)