

# Review of Master work reviewer

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<b>Qualification Work Title</b>	Impact of interregional cooperation in the regional management - cases of successful LAGs
<b>Name and Type of Study Programme</b>	Regional and European Project Management / Navazující
<b>Faculty / Department</b>	Ekonomická fakulta / KRM
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<b>Reviewer</b>	Prof. Dr. Thomas Johnen

## Thesis evaluation

1. Importance and difficulty of the topic 1.0

**Note:** The chosen topic is very relevant. Case studies like the present study about the Local Action Group (LAG) "MAS Brána Pisecka, z.s. are necessary in order to understand better the achievements and problems of the European programs for regi

2. Logical structure of the thesis 1.0

**Note:** The structure is very good. The questionnaire which has been developed is very suitable. The subject is very well contextualized.

3. Fulfillment of objectives 1.0

**Note:** The objective to evaluate the impact of interregional cooperation on regional management for the analyzed LAG is clearly fulfilled.

4. Methodological approach 1.0

**Note:** The questionnaire is suitable. The difficulties during the data collection were well resolved by interviewing the majors personally. The analysis is informative and convincing.

5. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 1.0

**Note:** The practical contribution of the thesis is evident. The author delivers a good survey about the situation as it is seen by the majors of the concerned cities.

6. Handling of literature 1.0

**Note:** Very well done.

7. Formal aspects 1.0

**Note:** Very well done.

## Conclusion

Thesis evaluation (note): **excellent**

I recommend the thesis for defence: **YES**

## Questions and comments

### Critical comments and overall contributions, total value of the thesis

There is one point which is not clear. Dealing with the results of the second part of the questionnaire, the author states that "Almost 9% believe that LAG BP is fully addressing its

challenges to the problems and needs for the area. Only 3 municipalities claim that the challenges do not respond to the problem” (p.7 of the compendium). It is not clear, why relative and absolute numbers are mixed. 3 respondents correspond to 13,6% and is more than the alleged 9% (which corresponds to two respondents) which are fully satisfied.

The practical contribution of the thesis is evident. The author delivers a good survey about the situation as it is seen by the majors of the concerned cities. However, in some points a qualitative research (for example with regard to the administrative burden of European projects for smaller municipalities) seems necessary in order to improve the assistance which can be given. These points for further research are not so well developed in the thesis.

### **Questions and topics for discussion before the commission**

1. On which principle of the European Union the LEADER philosophy is based?
2. Given the results of your research, which recommendations can you give to the Czech State, to the EU and to the voters on local, national and European level?

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Signature of reviewer