

Review of Master work supervisor

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Thesis evaluation

1. Logical structure of the thesis 1.0

Note: In the first part of her thesis, the author provides the relevant theoretical background for her research and highlights the importance of non-profit cross-border cooperation. The choices on the level of methodology are well explained

2. Fulfillment of objectives 1.0

Note: The main research question consists of identifying possible problems of Czech-German cooperation in the TANDEM organization. The author identifies different categories of challenges.

3. Methodological approach 1.0

Note: The semi-structured, in-depth interview allows the author to answer her research question and to understand the specific situation in the TANDEM organization. The different steps are transparent and well documented.

4. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 2.0

Note: While the thesis is centered around the identification of problems in the context of interregional cooperation, the development of solutions seems too short, and they are mainly based on already existing strategies.

5. Handling of literature 1.5

Note: The author takes into account a sufficient number of relevant sources for her topic.

6. Formal aspects 1.0

Note: All relevant parts of a thesis are included in the present study. The author thoroughly documents her data. Disregarding some mistakes in the English language, the style corresponds to the norm of academic writing.

7. Student's own contribution to the studied problems 2.0

Note: The major criticism of the thesis concerns a lack of creativity concerning the development of strategies helping to deal with issues on the level of cross-border cooperation. The identification of problems is very well done.

8. Monitoring for plagiarism (result) **negative**

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

In my opinion, the thesis can be considered as an important contribution to the field of interregional cooperation in a non-profit organization. As many studies are focused on companies, research sometimes tends to pay only little attention to this specific domain of cross-border cooperation which, as the author shows in her thesis, can have a significant impact on the mutual understanding of people belonging to different linguistic and cultural backgrounds. It seems thus important to me to have a closer look at possible problems that might hinder the cooperation of the people working for such an organization. The TANDEM organization is a very good choice as one of its main goals consists in supporting (young) people to speak the language of the partner and to understand cultural specificities. On the basis of the conducted in-depth interviews, the author is able to understand obstacles that might occur in everyday cooperation at the workplace. Both the choice of the interview method as well as of the transcription method are well explained; the interview data are furthermore translated into English which represents an additional effort for the author. The conclusions drawn from the interview data are convincing. The author manages to combine relevant theoretical reflections with her own empirical findings. Nevertheless, the development of solutions in order to overcome problems seems a bit short.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

Do you think that the results for an analysis of another Czech-German non-profit organization would be more or less the same, or is the TANDEM organization, in your opinion, a very specific case?

Would the findings concerning a non-profit organization from another linguistic and cultural context be similar or quite different from the Czech-German context?

In your thesis, you develop solutions that could help to overcome the identified intercultural problems. Which strategy would you apply to a company?

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Signature of supervisor