

Review of Master work reviewer

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Qualification Work Title	The Influence of Cross-Border Cooperation on the Competitiveness of Euroregions
Name and Type of Study Programme	Regional and European Project Management / Navazující
Faculty / Department	Ekonomická fakulta / KRM
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Reviewer	doc. Ing. Eva Cudlinova CSc.

Thesis evaluation

- 1. Importance and difficulty of the topic 1.5
Note: Euroregions are compared and the impact of their cross-border cooperation engagement on their competitiveness is evaluated.
- 2. Logical structure of the thesis 1.0
Note: It is well logically structured work. It proceeds from the definition of the problem and goal through the issues that are associated with the solution including a very precise work with the literature.
- 3. Fulfillment of objectives 1.0
Note: The main objective- comparison of selected regions as regards the influence of cross border cooperation to their competitiveness as same as the goal to create own working concept of Euroregions was successfully fulfilled.
- 4. Methodological approach 1.0
Note: Secondary data analysis was used, author used mainly data from Eurostat.
- 5. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 1.0
Note: The thesis brings both practical and theoretical contribution. Its outcomes could be used as a background for characteristics of competitiveness of two different types of regions.
- 6. Handling of literature 1.0
Note: The work with literature was excellent bot in terms of the number of titles and the adequate selection o topics.
- 7. Formal aspects 1.0
Note: The thesis represents a very well done work as regards all formal aspects

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

The thesis represents a comparative case study of two selected Euroregions: the Greater Region

and the smaller one. One is located at the Franco-German and the other one at the German-Czech border. Both compared regions are very concisely described, including a map.

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I appreciate especially own approach to comparative analyses in the broader context of the definition of Euroregions, the concept of competitiveness and cooperation.

A very useful is the author's approach to the competitiveness of region in which he considers the three dimensions of sustainable development.

The whole work is a precisely elaborated topic with its own innovative approach to the measuring of competition and cooperation between two types of border regions.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

1) This work showed that selected regions differed in size, length of existence and economic maturity. Not enough data were available for a smaller region. How has this situation affected comparability of these regions in terms of cooperation and competition?

2) What is yours opinion on the effectiveness of the principle of EU solidarity, which is reflected in both Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement? I mean a common commitment, but different responsibilities of EU countries.

3) In your thesis you are working with an indicator of competition (RIC -regional competitive index), it seems that a similar indicator for measuring cooperation does not exist. What do you think about the reason of such a situation?

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Signature of reviewer