

Review of Master work reviewer

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Qualification Work Title	The impact of COVID-19 related border restrictions on cross-border cooperation between Saxony and Czech Republic
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 1.0
Note: It is a very current topic; important information as regards present cross border cooperation
- 2. Logical structure of the thesis 1.0
Note: The thesis are logically structured from theoretical background, introduction, following methodology and explanation of results
- 3. Fulfillment of objectives 1.5
Note: The work sought an answer to the question of the influence of the COVID19 pandemic on a cross border cooperation within various projects on the Czech Saxony border
- 4. Methodological approach 1.0
Note: Qualitative methods of interviews with experts - project managers were used. A total of 5 interviews were conducted with German and Czech respondents
- 5. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 1.0
Note: The work has an innovative character, due to the fact that the pandemic situation represents a new phenomenon that could not be described in earlier literature.
- 6. Handling of literature 1.0
Note: The literature used corresponds to the topic and is in adequate quantity and quality.
- 7. Formal aspects 1.5
Note: The theses are formally well processed. I have just a minor comment- Fig 2 is relatively small and it is not possible to read well from the map the information from the map.

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

It is a very interesting work, I appreciate the chosen topic and its processing by the method of interviews. Due to the novelty of the issue, the work brings completely innovative results important

concerning cross border cooperation.

One of the interesting result is the fact that the examined regions have a long-term cooperation, which could not be significantly disrupted by a relatively short-term pandemic situation.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

- 1) What is the role of Green EU Deal as regards a cross border cooperation?
- 2) Within the methodology, you mention that the best method is a face-to-face interview, this opinion is based on your personal previous experience. Can you tell me what specific experience it was?
- 3) Why did you choose project focused on different type of management- environmental, social, education?

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Signature of reviewer