

Review of Master work supervisor

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Qualification Work Title Social, economic, and environmental impact of high-speed rails in the Czech Republic: Expected impacts of high-speed rails on the Ústí nad Labem region

Name and Type of Study Programme Regional and European Project Management / Navazující

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Thesis evaluation

1. Logical structure of the thesis 1.0
2. Fulfillment of objectives 1.5
3. Methodological approach 1.0
4. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 2.0
5. Handling of literature 1.0
6. Formal aspects 1.0
7. Student's own contribution to the studied problems 1.0
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

Social, economic, and environmental impact of high-speed rails in the Czech Republic: Expected impacts of high-speed rails on the Ústí nad Labem region

According to the author "The aim of the thesis is to define and present the expected social, economic and environmental impacts of future high-speed lines in the Czech Republic, specifically in the Ústí nad Labem Region."

In fact, we are in a framework of known three pillars of the concept of sustainable development. The author used a combination of quantitative and qualitative research in the empirical part of his theses.

From my point of view, the structure of the theses is well done, logical, an important part of communication, and discussion, and the conclusion has its firm place in the theses. As regards methodological issues, the author knows the advantages and disadvantages of the used methods and shows his own enthusiasm in the empirical part of the theses. He was really involved in the collection of surveys personally, as well as in interviews with the top management of Czech Railways.

Based on rich international literature and survey author can make a knowledge-based interpretation of the expectations of nearly 400 respondents (travelers). The results show general positive expectations as well as a potential development for the region in all three pillars of sustainable development. We are witnesses to similar expectations from management as well as from respondents – potential consumers of all consequences of high-speed rails.

What I appreciate is great carefulness in the processing of the theses, including transcription of interviews in the appendix, preparation of tables, and literature review.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

I have only one question: According to your opinion, does the management of Správa železnic good business in terms of public information about this great project of high-speed rails going through the Ústí nad Labem region?

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Signature of supervisor