Review of Master work supervisor

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Qualification Work Title Regional development - A case study

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

Note: The basic notions "region", "regional development" and "sustainable development" are discussed critically on the basis of relevant literature and the findings in the own research. The meth. framework is correct and transparent.

2. Fulfillment of objectives 1.0

Note: The author is able to give a deep inside view into the topic. Proceeding in a inductive way she further develops new and very interesting research aspects, e.g. the role of knowledge management for sustainable development.

3. Methodological approach 1.0

Note: The author masters all the necessary techniques and the documentation is complete. The interviews are fully transcribed and the development of the categories for the analysis is logic and transparent. All steps can be retraced easily.

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

Note: The thesis gives a very intresting inside view in the way how people working in Interreg Projects define and discuss the key notions of interregional project work. The thesis contributes to a better understanding of Interreg project work

5. Handling of literature 1.5

Note: The work is based on relevant and up to date literature. The textual apparatus is correct (some minor mistakes). Citations and references are used in a correct manner.

6. Formal aspects 2.0

Note: The theses is written in a correct scientific style. The sequential analysis and the declarations of consent should have been put into the appendix. There are typing errors and other minor mistakes which could have been avoided.

7. Student's own contribution to the studied problems 1.0

Note: The student was able to solve problems and to develop the qualitative research setting self-reliantly. She reflected on her own approach very critically and in a very responsible manner.

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

The analysis of the interviews was mainly conducted inductively. The categories and the findings were then discussed in relation to the relevant literature. New interesting questions arise: role of knowledge management for sustainable development, how to evaluate the sustainability of Interreg Projects.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

P.41/ Various times your interviewees say that the projects they were working in are "per se" sustainable because they have been accepted by the program. What do you think about this type of argumentation?

P.57/ Which role does knowledge management play for sustainable development? Explain your findings.

P.6/ You explain that it is very difficult to evaluate the degree of sustainability of a region. How could the social sciences and the qualitative research participate to find solutions for this problem.

Date: Sep 14, 2022 Signature of supervisor