

## OPINION

by Assoc. Doctof of science Petar Borisov Borisov - Agricultural University - Plovdiv  
(academic position, scientific degree, full name, higher school, scientific organization)  
of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
for the academic position "Associate Professor"  
in the field of higher education 3.0 "Social, economic and legal sciences"  
Professional field 3.7 "Administration and management",  
specialty "Cultural Anthropology and Social Management"

In the competition for associate professor, announced in the State Gazette, issue 43 / 21.05.2021 and on the website of UARD - Plovdiv for the needs of the university, as a candidate participates Dr. Krassimir Romanov Assenov from UARD- Plovdiv.

### 1. Brief biographical data

Dr. Krassimir Assenov was born on March 5, 1966. In 2005 he obtained a bachelor's degree in public administration from the Technical University - Gabrovo. In the period 2006 - 2007 he continued his education in the same institution and obtained a master's degree in crisis and conflict management. In the period 2015-2017 he studied in a doctoral program at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" and acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the field of "Social, Economic and Legal Sciences". Over the years he has changed various administrative positions in the municipality of Plovdiv and is currently in the position of "Deputy Mayor" - departments - social activities, public order and security, housing policy, construction control, ethnic and integration issues and culture. In parallel with its development in the municipal administration, Dr. Assenov is also developing an academic career - since 2019 he has been an assistant at UARD. At this university he teaches the following disciplines - Intercultural Communication, Media Language and Communications, Media Management and Organizational Change Management.

### 2. General description of the presented materials

The candidate Dr. Krassimir Assenov participates in the competition with:

- Monographs - 2 issues;
- Articles - 12 issues;

### 3. Reflection of the candidate's scientific publications in the literature (known citations)

Dr. Krassimir Assenov has presented a reference for 12 citations of his publications. The citations are sufficient to cover the national scientometric requirements mentioned in Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB.

### 4. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

#### 4.1. Educational and pedagogical activity(work with students and doctoral students)

Dr. Krassimir Assenov is an assistant from 2019 in UARD. This academic position gives him the opportunity to develop teaching and pedagogical activities as a lecturer in a number of disciplines included in the curriculum of the university. He has participated in summer schools and webinars with university students.

#### **4.2. Scientific and scientifically applied activity**

Dr. Krassimir Assenov has participated in a total of 10 applied research projects as follows:

1. Innovations of Regional Sustainability: European University Alliance Project No: 101004073
2. Adult training course for small farmers on ecological and urban agriculture ECOAGRI 2018-1-BG01-KA204-047888
3. Supporting access to training and qualification for people with disabilities by developing a learning gardening course for VET based on learning outcomes and the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) № 2017-1-BG01-KA202-036212
4. 2017 - Project: "Spatial segregation and its impact on the social integration of the Roma in Arman Mahala, Plovdiv") - at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, NIGGG Institute.
5. 2015-2017 Project manager: "Social integration of vulnerable people. Home help "- Phase II.
6. 2013 -2015 Project manager: "Social integration of vulnerable people. Home help "- Phase I.
7. 2007-2010 International Project Manager: Europe for Citizens
8. 2007 - 2008 The Strategies for Effective Police Stop and Search - United Kingdom. The Open Society Justice Initiative worked with police forces and civil society organizations in Bulgaria, Hungary, Spain and the UK.
9. 2004-2006 Project Manager at the Swiss Agency for Local Government Development: "Safe Educational Environment"
10. 2000-2003 Project Coordinator at the Open Society Foundation - Roma Education Centers.

In most of the presented projects Dr. Assenov is a leader or coordinator, which determines a good level of project management, a quality that is valued among the academic community. The presented report shows that Dr. Assenov intensively participates in national and international scientific forums. For the last 4 years, he has taken part in over 10 scientific forums.

#### **4.3. Contributions (scientific, scientifically applied, applied)**

From the presented information of the candidate for the academic position "Associate Professor" it can be seen that Dr. Assenov has defined a total of 9 contributions. It can be said that 6 of them have a theoretical and methodological nature and 3 of them have a scientific and practical nature. I accept the contributions formulated in this way as correct and personal work of the candidate for the academic position of "associate professor".

#### **5. Evaluation of the personal contribution of the candidate**

From the materials presented for the preparation of an opinion it can be seen that Krassimir Assenov has participated in numerous projects, scientific symposia and has taught classes with students. Based on this information, I can point out the following:

1. The candidate has potential and has acquired skills that give him the basis for conducting in-depth, reasoned and completed research in the field of anthropology;
2. The candidate has a solid foundation for knowledge transfer in the field of social management, as well as to train students in this field.

## **6. Critical notes**

I do not know personally Dr. Krassimir Assenov, who is a candidate for the academic position of "Associate Professor" at UARD - Plovdiv. From the submitted documents for participation in the announced competition, it is clear to me that Dr. Assenov is motivated and works thoroughly on the issues of cultural anthropology and social management. I have no critical remarks about his work!

## **7. Conclusion:**

**Having in mind the above, as well as the fact that the applicant meets the relevant minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB, I propose that Krassimir Romanov Assenov be elected for "Associate Professor" in professional field 3.7 "Administration and management, specialty -"Cultural Anthropology and Social Management.**

13.09.2021

Jury member:

/ Assoc. Prof. Petar Borisov /