

OPINION

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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 SG issue 43/21.05.2021 and on the website of UARD - Plovdiv, as a candidate participates Krassimir Romanov Assenov, PhD from UARD - Plovdiv.

1. Brief Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Krassimir Assenov was born on March 5th, 1966. He obtained his Bachelor degree in Public administration from the Technical University – Gabrovo in 2005. In 2007 he acquired a Master degree in “Crisis and conflict management” from the Technical University – Gabrovo. In the period 2015-2017 he acquired a PhD degree in the field “Social, economic and legal sciences” from Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

Dr. Krasimir Asenov occupies also various administrative positions – the last one is the position of Deputy Mayor of the Northern district – Plovdiv municipality. His responsibilities are in the field of the social activities, public order and security, housing policy, construction control, ethnic and integration issues and culture.

Dr. Krasimir Asenov started his academic carrier in 2019 when he was elected as an assistant professor in UARD – Plovdiv. He teaches the following courses: Intercultural Learning, Intercultural Communication, Media Language and Communications, Media Management, Organizational Change Management and Public Investments 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 known citations of his publications. The citations are sufficient to cover the national scientometric requirements mentioned in Art. 2b, item 2 and 3 of LDASRB.

4. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

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

Dr. Krassimir Assenov was elected as an assistant professor in UARD in 2019. For the last two years he has been teaching and working actively with students. He teaches the following courses:

- Intercultural Learning;
- Intercultural Communication;
- Media Language and Communications;
- Media Management;
- Organizational Change Management;
- Management of the Public Investments.

4.2. Scientific and scientifically applied activity

Dr. Krassimir Assenov has participated in various important national and international scientific forums. We could mention also his participation in 10 national and European scientifically applied projects:

- Innovations of Regional Sustainability: European University Alliance
Project No: 101004073
- Adult training course for small farmers on ecological and urban agriculture
ECOAGRI 2018-1-BG01-KA204-047888
- 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
- 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 – 2017
- Project "Social integration of vulnerable people. Home help "- Phase II –
2015 – 2017 – Project manager
- Project "Social integration of vulnerable people. Home help "- Phase I -
2013 -2015 - Project manager
- International Project Manager: Europe for Citizens – 2007 – 2010
- 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 – 2007 –
2008
- Project of the Swiss Agency for Local Government Development: "Safe
Educational Environment" – 2004 – 2006 – Project manager
- Project of the Open Society Foundation - Roma Education Centers -
2000-2003 Project Coordinator.

In part of the above-listed projects Dr. Assenov participates as a Project manager or coordinator, which is a proof for the possession of leadership and organizational skills.

Having in mind the above-mentioned, I consider that the candidate meets the national requirements mentioned in Art. 2b, item 2 and 3 of LDASRB.

4.3. Contributions (scientific, scientifically applied, applied)

According to the submitted materials the candidate has formulated totally 9 contributions, considering that part of them are with theoretical and methodological nature (introductions of different new terms; application of a new scientific method, etc.) and others – with scientific and practical nature (e.g. spatial and ethnographic cartography of defined territory; description of specific ethno-cultural strategies, etc.).

I consider the presented by Dr. Krasimir Asenov contributions as his personal achievements and as enriching the scientific development in the research field.

5. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate

Considering the submitted materials, could be concluded that Dr. Krasimir Asenov has coordinated and participated in a number of national and international projects; has been actively involved in scientific forums; has conducted profound scientific research in the field of the cultural anthropology and social management.

I know Dr. Krasimir Asenov by person from our collaboration in UARD on different national and European projects. He is known for his personal and professional strengths, as well as with his erudition and interests in various areas. His knowledge about the cultural anthropology, his writing talent and public engagement are some of his advantages.

6. Critical remarks

I don't have critical remarks.

7. Conclusion:

Having in mind the above-mentioned, I propose Krasimir Romanov Asenov to be elected as “Associate Professor” in professional field 3.7 "Administration and Management”, scientific specialty "Cultural Anthropology and Social Management”.

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Member of the Jury:

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