

## O P I N I O N

Assoc. Prof. Vladimir Yordanov Zonviev, Ph.D.,  
Member of the scientific jury with Order No 37 of 31.10.2022  
of the materials submitted for participation in a competition for occupying the  
academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 9 "Security  
and defense professional field 9.1. National Security and Defense  
Specialty "Security and Transport"

Vasil Kolev Ph.D. participated as a candidate in the competition for Associate Professor announced in the State Gazette, issue 56/19.07.2022 and on the website of the Higher School of Security and Defense.

### **1. Brief biographical data.**

Vasil Kolev Ph.D. holds a Master's degree in Law, and subsequently defended the ESD Doctor of Law in 2018 at the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski". He occupies operational positions in the municipal structures of Plovdiv, and in the period from 10 2018 to 10.2020 he is also an assistant in law at the University of Plovdiv.

### **2. General description of the materials presented:**

The candidate Vasil Kolev participated in the competition with:

1. Two monographs, one of which is the published dissertation on the award of the educational and scientific degree of Doctor of Laws.
2. Sixteen articles, of which six are in print

Kolev Ph.D. in his habilitation work "National Security and its Connectivity with Public Transport" and in the presented articles examines the relationship of national security with public transport and green energy.

The scientific production submitted shall meet the national minimum requirements for the procedure concerned with a total number of points 560.

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

Kolev Ph.D. has presented fifteen citations in publications in the field of national security.

### **4. General characteristics of the applicant's activities**

Kolev Ph.D. proves an internship with teaching activity as a law assistant at the University of Plovdiv.

Kolev's Ph.D. works are focused on the objectives of the competition. His research is related to the interrelations between national security and public transport and green energy.

#### **4.1. Contributions**

Kolev's Ph.D. scientific work focuses on three thematic areas with proven scientific contributions:

1. Theoretically, it has structured model that successfully examines the relationship between public transport and security. The problems, opinions and assessments found in the literature regarding the transport scheme and the protection of national security are analyzed.

2. In scientific and practical terms, the existing scheme of public transport in the country has been studied, deficits related to the protection of national security, ecology and sustainable development of settlements have been clarified. The practical proposals made by Dr. Kolev have their concrete results in improving the transport scheme in order to improve the control and security of road transport schemes.
3. The scientific and practical results synthesized by Dr. Kolev give perspectives to the specialized audience interested in the relationship of public transport-national security to access structured and up-to-date results.

## **5. Critical remarks**

Vasil Kolev's Ph.D. scientific work is consistent and methodically oriented towards the study of complex and dynamically changing discourses related to interdependencies between public transport, green energy and national security.

The recommendation is the topic to be deepened in the direction of digital energy as a prerequisite for sustainable public transport, closely related to green generating capacities and the security of critical energy and transport infrastructure.

## **6. Conclusion**

In view of the circumstances, I propose to the members of the esteemed jury to vote positively for the candidacy of Vasil Kolev Ph.D. and to be approved for the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 9 "Security and Defense professional field 9.1. National Security and Defense; Specialty "Security and Transport"

1Nov 2, 2022

Sincerely:

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