

S T A T U S

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for the scientific works of

DR. MARTIN MASHLAN

presented for participation in a competition to take the academic position of "associate professor" for the needs of the "Higher School of Security and Economics", in the field of higher education 9. Security and Defense, professional area 9.1 "National Security" (Economic and Financial Security), announced in SG No. 89/08.11.2022

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1. General characteristics of the candidate's scientific-research, scientific-applied and pedagogical activities

Documents for participation in the announced competition were submitted by Dr. Martin Mashlan. The same meet the requirements of the ZRASRB and the PPZRASRB for occupying the academic position "associate professor".

The candidate has submitted the list of 19 publications, and only those with which he has not participated in other competitions for academic positions, have not been used in the awarding of scientific degrees and are indicated in the table below. All they are proposed for review.

№	Publications	Pages
1	Monograph - habilitation thesis: "Variants of risk management on the economic security of economic entities", independent authorship.	202
2	Monograph: "Applied political science in the practice of governance and security", independent authorship.	193
3	Textbook: "Risk management in the context of the economic security of the company", co-authored.	83
4	Textbook: "Safety of transport and transport infrastructure", co-authored.	87
	Articles and reports published in refereed and indexed scientific journals in known databases	
1/2/ (2- two pcs.		7/6/ (13 (thirteen pages) excluding those in print.
	Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited volumes	
1/2/3/4/5/6/ 7/ (7 – seven pcs)		7/13/10/12/5/ under print/ under print/ (47 (forty-seven pages), excluding those in print.
Total for review		625

The publications are as follows: 2 (two) monographs – one is a habilitation thesis, 3 (three) textbooks, two of which are co-authored, 9 (nine) publications of which 2 (two) are in refereed and indexed scientific journals in known databases and 7 (seven) in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collection volumes. The candidate's participation in co-authored publications is clearly defined.

Proposals for the review of works meet the requirements and standards for academic publications, have the necessary scientific and applied value and are in accordance with the field of the announced competition.

The applicant's academic performance meets the minimum national requirements and the requirements of ULSIT for occupying the academic position of "associate professor". The candidate has 455.8 points, with a minimum of 400 required.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's research and teaching activities

The scientific research and publication activity of the candidate shows that the research results fully cover the announced requirements of the competition, which meets the needs of the "High School of Security and Economics" according to the announced competition.

The monograph "Risk Management Options on the Economic Security of Business Entities" with author Martin Mashlan, in press (December 2022), ISBN 978-80-8185-056-1, is submitted for review as a thesis, where in logical and methodological consistency, essential characteristics of functions and elements characterizing the economic security system of business entities, as a part of their overall security, have been analyzed. The impact of the internal and external security environment was analyzed, and important factors affecting the level of business security of entities were revealed.

Reasonable conclusions have been made that it is more difficult to influence external factors, which appear to be more problematic to deal with. As such, the interests of the international financial groups, the interests of the EU, etc. have been analyzed which reflect in the external competitive environment.

Essential characteristics of the modern external environment such as instability, military actions and their impact on economic activity, the energy crisis, high inflation with adverse consequences for both economic entities and the general living standard of the population are brought out.

The important conclusion was made that the external environment creates an increasing number of risks that adversely affect the results of the activity. This necessitates paying more attention to the management of risk reduction processes.

The dependence of economic security of business organizations on a number of internal factors, such as information system, reliability of raw material suppliers, condition of warehouses and stocks, organization and productivity of labor, total costs, quality and reliability of production, distribution channels, ability for customers to pay for purchased products, etc. is analyzed. Attention is paid to the need for individual ways to increase the security of payments, etc.

The research further develops known theoretical and practical approaches for studying the economic security of business organizations. For this purpose, expedient methods, means and a multidisciplinary approach were used to study the system in order to offer possible options for improvement in the interest of more effective performance of the tasks and achievement of the organizational goals.

The monograph is a comprehensive and complete work, which may be useful for leading and managerial officials in the field of the economic aspect of the security of economic units, social management, politicians, doctoral students, students interested in the topic, etc.

I positively assess the substantive and didactic essence of the monographic work submitted for review and of the candidate's other publications.

3. Main scientific results and contributions

I accept the candidate's submissions. Scientific contributions are in the field of the wide range of economic security of economic organizations, which can be summarized in the following areas of knowledge:

Scientific contributions

1. New knowledge was generated in the field of economic security of economic enterprises. Specific terminology, definitions are synthesized, defining contemporary risks and threats.
2. The risks affecting the activity of business organizations have been studied and useful methods for their analysis have been selected. On this basis, preventive measures are proposed.
3. The important meaning of information systems and their protection from malicious influences, the importance of the solvency of business partners for the financial security of the business organization, etc. have been analyzed.

Practical and applied

1. A comparative analysis of the legislation regulating business in Slovakia and that of neighboring countries was made.

2. Basic functional areas of business such as transport, information and communication systems for process management are defined and studied.

3. Individual payment security methods for business operations from counterparties, etc., are recommended.

4. Complex and complete materials have been developed, which can be used as references in the work of specialists in this field, as well as for training.

I positively assess the candidate's scientific and applied contributions. They are related to the problems of the economic security of economic entities.

4. Personal impressions

I do not know Dr. Martin Mashlan personally and have no publications in common with him.

5. Conclusion

I positively assess the scientific and teaching activity of the candidate and his rich theoretical, empirical and pedagogical experience.

I vote positively and propose to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the appointment of the academic position "docent" in the "Higher School of Security and Economics", in the field of higher education 9. Security and Defense, professional direction 9.1 "National Security" (Economic and Financial Security) by the candidate Dr. Martin Mashlan, announced in SG no. No. 89/08.11.2022.

Member of the scientific jury:

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