

# **STANDPOINT**

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for the dissertation thesis  
of **Ivanka Nenova Nikolova**

the topic  
**„SYSTEMS SECURITY FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT“**

presented for awarding of an Educational and Scientific Degree “Doctor”  
in Professional field 9.1. “National Security”

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The preparation of this opinion was assigned by decision of the scientific jury, determined by order of the Rector of the Higher School of Security and Economics No. 148/24.06.2024.

### **1. Evaluation of the candidate's results and contributions**

The high theoretical and practical preparation of the author is clearly evident in the dissertation research, which confirms his participation in obtaining the contributions in the dissertation work.

I accept the scientific contributions as formulated by the author. They have a scientific and scientific-applied character. Here I would like to emphasize the importance of the developed functional model of the Management System designed to improve security in a security organization.

A serious resource of the present study are the conclusions and recommendations made by the author.

I believe that the contributions of the dissertation work are based on the credibility of the content and the objectivity of the conclusions, and I would define them as enriching the existing knowledge in the field of quality management and increasing its security.

### **2. Critical evaluations, remarks and recommendations**

I do not have significant critical remarks on the content of the research, which would reduce the quality and quantity of the obtained results and contributions. Individual technical and grammatical inaccuracies do not affect the results of the study.

My recommendation is that in the future, Ivanka Nikolova continues her work on the problems of quality management systems and their security, which would support the realization of the conclusions made in the present work.

### **3. Presence or absence of plagiarism**

In accordance with Art. 10, para. 2 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, I have no information and I believe that there is no plagiarism in the dissertation submitted for evaluation.

### **4. Conclusion**

Having in mind the topicality and significance of the researched issues, the compliance of the presented dissertation with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its Implementation, and the results of the research, I give **a positive assessment** and recommend the members of the esteemed scientific jury to decide to award Ivanka Nikolova with an Educational and Scientific Degree “Doctor” in Professional field 9.1. “National Security”.

**Member of the scientific jury: .....**

**Assoc. Prof. Plamen Bogdanov, PhD**

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