

## STATEMENT

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Subject:

competition for professor  
in the field of higher education  
3. "Social, Economic and Legal Sciences"  
Professional field. Economics  
(Economics and Management of Agricultural Land Resources)  
Announced by the Higher School of Security and Economics

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## **1. Concerning the procedure and presentation of the applicant**

The competition for the academic post of Professor in the field of higher education 3. "Social, Economic and Legal Sciences"; Professional field. Economics (Economics and Management of Agricultural Land Resources) is announced in Official Gazette No. 30/05.04.2024.

My participation in the composition of the scientific jury is on the basis of the Order No. 047/14.10.2024 of the Rector of VUCI.

One candidate - Associate Professor Dr. Valery Yordanov Velkovsky - is participating in the current competition. The candidate has two master's degrees - the first one is in Marketing and Management from the UNWE - Sofia (1999), and the second one is in Law from the University of Veliko Tarnovo "Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodiy". The first degree is in Law and Law and the second degree is in Law and Law. Cyril and Methodius (2005). "D. A. Tsanov" - Svishtov awarded him the Educational and Scientific Degree "DOCTOR" in the field of "Economics and Management" (agrarian economics) on 18.09.2020. The Higher School of Security and Economics awards Dr. Valeri Velkovski the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 3. "3. 8. Economics ("Regulation of processes and activities in agricultural territories").

Associate Professor Dr. V. Velkovsky has many years of practical experience:

- 1994 - 2000 - managerial activities in the "School Canteens" JV - town. Vratsa
- 2001 - 2003 - Compliance Manager of Atomenergoremont JSC - Vratsa, Bulgaria. Kozloduy
- 2006 - legal advisor of Himko AD - Vratsa
- 2006 - 2009 - Legal Advisor of the Regional Directorate "Agriculture" Vratsa
- 2009 - 2019 - Chief Legal Adviser at the Regional Directorate "Agriculture" - Sofia region at the Ministry of Agriculture.

This many years of experience enables Dr. Valeri Velkovski to be a consultant on agricultural legislation and agricultural management, which has a direct link to the area announced in this competition.

Dr. V. Velkovski has an academic career since 2022 at the Higher School of Security and Economics - Plovdiv.

## **2. Fulfillment of the requirements for holding the academic position "PROFESSOR"**

In accordance with Article 24 of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, according to Article 15 paragraph 1 and Article 60 of the Regulations for the Application of the Law (PPPASDB) and the Regulations of the Higher School of Security and Economics - Plovdiv:

- Associate Professor Dr. Valeri Velkovski submits the diploma of Doctor of Philosophy, in accordance with Art. 60 par. Prof. Dr. Valeri Vekolska, PhD;
- fulfils the requirement for minimum academic experience - more than two years, according to Art. 60, par. 1., pt. 2 of the PP ZRACPB;

- presents a habilitation thesis - a monograph published in 2024, which has been reviewed by two professors;
- proposes for the competition original research published after June 2022, which meets the requirement to submit only publications that do not overlap with other competitions;
- in accordance with the requirement to meet the minimum requirements under Article 1(5) of the PPPASRB for the academic post of Professor, Associate Professor Dr Valery Velkovski achieved 750 points (from indicator A - 50 points, indicator C - 100 points, indicator D - 340 points, indicator E - 140 points and indicator F - 120 points);
- - with regard to the requirement of no plagiarism (Art. 60, Art. 1, point 6 of the PPASRB) in scientific publications, the candidate shall submit a Declaration of Originality and Credibility.

Assoc. Velkovsky is a researcher with contributions in agricultural economics and my opinion is that he meets both the quantitative and qualitative requirements for the academic position of Professor.

### **3. Evaluation of teaching and research activities**

The teaching and research activities of Associate Professor V. Velkovski corresponds to all the requirements for the academic position "Professor" at the Higher School of Security and Economics - Plovdiv.

### **4. Characteristics of the presented scientific works**

Associate Professor V. Velkovski participated in the competition with sufficient scientific output:

Monograph;

- three articles and reports in English, published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world-known databases;
- three independent articles and reports in English, published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals;
- 22 independent publications in Bulgarian;
- independent publications in English - 2;
- co-authored publications in English - 2.

The candidate has published two textbooks and two textbooks in the required period.

The habilitation work - monograph "Land settlement as a mechanism for sustainable development of agricultural territories - economic and social aspects (on the example of an empirical study)", ed. Valdez, Sofia, 2024, with a volume of 184 pages is a significant scientific work with its substantiated mechanisms for the development of agricultural territories. For the first time in the scientific literature it thoroughly examines:

- the efficient use of the land stock, through the mechanisms of land titling for the landless and the poor;
- the typology of land titling and the resulting rights and obligations of the landed;
- the economic, social and demographic aspects of land consolidation, supported by empirical research;
- the importance of land tenure for the sustainable development of agricultural areas.

The analysis of the scientific output presented by Associate Professor Dr. Velkovski shows that he has collected, processed and analyzed a large amount of information related to the agricultural resources of our country. The author shows a deep scientific interest in the field in which the competition was announced.

## **5. Scientific and applied contributions**

The following scientific contributions can be indicated from the presented works:

- for the first time a mechanism of land consolidation is proposed, which is a factor for the sustainable development of land resources;
- land consolidation is highlighted as a leading economic, social and demographic issue in rural areas;
- the author's "empirical study on the mechanism of land consolidation" reveals its multifaceted impact.

The scientific and applied contributions are:

- the ways of replacement and unification of agricultural land;
- the identification of new models for the rational use of agricultural land;
- the study of the technology of incorporation of agricultural land into urban areas.

## **6. Conclusion**

The competition documents demonstrate that all the national criteria for the VUSI requirements for the academic position of Professor have been met.

I give a positive evaluation and propose to the other members of the esteemed scientific jury to vote for the award of the academic position of "Professor" to Associate Professor Dr. Valery Velkovski in professional field 3. 8. Economics (Economics and Management of Agricultural Land Resources).

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