



REVIEW

in reference to a competition for taking the academic position "Associate Professor" in professional trend 7.6, "Sport", scientific specialty "Sport (Sport tourism)"

1. General information

Reviewer: Prof. Stoyan Petkov Marinov, PhD, Department of "Economics of Tourism Management" (ETM) in the University of Economics-Varna (UE-Varna), area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional trend 3.9. Tourism, scientific specialty "Economics and management (Tourism)".

This review is written on the ground of Order №: **RD 06-7/15.01.2026** of the Rector of UE-Varna for appointing the Scientific jury and Minutes of the first meeting of the jury for selecting a chairperson and reviewers for the competition dated 22.01.2026.

The review is made in compliance with the requirement of the Act for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ADASRB), the Regulation for applying it (RAADASRB) and the Regulations for developing the academic staff in UE-Varna (RDAC).

2. Information about the competition

The competition for the academic position "associate professor" was announced in the State Gazette SG. issue 98/18.11.2025 in area of higher education 7. "Healthcare and sport", professional trend "Sport", scientific specialty "Sport (Sport tourism)", for the needs of the Faculty of "Information Technologies" in UE-Varna.

3. Candidate in the competition

To participate in the announced competition a single candidate submitted documents – senior lecturer Dimitar Stoilov Dimitrov, PhD, from the Department of "Languages and sport" in UE-Varna.

The set of documents and materials submitted by the candidate complies with ADASRB, RAADASRB and RDAC in UE-Varna.

Senior lecturer Dimitar Stoilov Dimitrov, PhD meets the minimum national requirements for the academic position "associate professor" in area of higher education in which the competition was announced according to art. 2b, items 2 and 3 in ADASRB. The candidate meets the additional quantitative requirements of UE-Varna according to art. 2b, item 5 in ADASRB and meets the requirements in art. 101 in RDAC as applied in UE-Varna

4. Data on the candidate

Between 1987 and 1992 Dimitar Dimitrov completed his high education in the HCS in the town of Targovishte with specialization in "Sport". He acquired his EQD "Bachelor" in the National Sport Academy in Sofia (1994r. - 1998r) majoring in "Sport", minor: "Physical education". The candidate got OED 'master' (2005r. -



2007г.) in the "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" university in Veliko Tarnovo – the faculty of pedagogy, specialty "Sport pedagogy". Between 2012 and 2015 Dimitar Dimitrov did his PhD studies, independent course, in the ETM department in UE-Varna, where he acquired his ESD "doctor" in professional trend 3.9. Tourism, scientific specialty "Economics and management" (Tourism) after successfully defending his thesis, the topic of the dissertation paper was "*Increased competitiveness of the sport animation product in seaside hotel complexes*".

Between 2022 and 2025 Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD took part in 4 long-term specializations and trainings, their topics being: "Developing employers' and employees' soft skills as part of a project education platform of the ERASMUS + / ESSENCE programme"; "Personal data protection – current regulatory issues"; "Working with scientific electronic resources, working with the eLearn and UEBN platforms"; "Intellectual property, copy rights and plagiarism: regulatory and legislative practice "

Dimitar Dimitrov's professional career started with him being a professional football player in the "Svetkavitsa" football club in the town of Targovishte (1994-2000г.). Between 1999 and 2004 he worked as a teacher of "Physical education and sport" in the "Dobri Chintoulov" secondary school in Varna. Since 29.09.2004 Dimitar Dimitrov has been employed full-time in the University of Economics-Varna. He took the positions as follows: "lecturer" (2004-2007), "senior lecturer" (2007-2015) and "senior lecturer - PhD" (2015 - presently) in the department of "Physical education and sport" and since May 2023 in the department of "Languages and sport".

Dimitar Dimitrov carries out active social work in the field of sport – he was a member of the Referee commission at the Zone council of the Bulgarian football union-Varna between 2015 and December 2018 and worked as an employee responsible for appointing new recruits, organizer of sport events incl. four international football tournaments for children and youths.

The candidate has excellent language competence in Russian and good one in English.

5. Description of research works.

To take part in the competition Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD submits in an appendix **41** publications total. The presented research works include: **1 independent monograph – his habilitation paper; 1 independent monograph – a published dissertation paper for acquiring EOD "doctor", 1 collective monograph; 11 research articles** (8 independent and 3 as a co-author; 4 in English); 25 reports (13 independent and 12 in co-authorship; 3 in English), **1 textbook and a manual**, both in co-authorship.

All presented research works have been accepted for reviewing, their total volume being **801,49** printed pages personal contribution of the candidate in types as shown in Table 1.



Table 1

Type and volume of presented publications

№	Type of publications	Number	Number of pages	Relative share %
1	Monographs	3	478	59,6
3	Articles	11	90,5	11,3
4	Reports	25	150,99	18,9
5	Textbooks and manuals	2	82	10,2
	Total	41	801,49	100,0

Structure-wise, as per number of pages there prevail monographs, their share being 59.6%, followed by reports – their relative share being 18.9%.

Out of all 41 publications reviewed, 23 (56,1%) are independent.

To take part in the competition Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD submits an **independent monograph** titled “*Sport tourism – tendencies and perspective for development*”, its volume being 240 pages which does not repeat publications for acquiring the educational-and-scientific degree “doctor”. The research work was discussed in the primary division – the ETM department, reviewed by two habilitated research workers and published in the specialized scientific publishing house “*Science and economics*” (“*Prof. Tsani Kalyandzhiev*” Library, issue 108) in 2025. The monograph solves a significant scientific-and-applied problem on a high level in respect to the development of sport tourism.

The publications presented by Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD have high quality from the point of view of language and style. Quantity, structure and content wise they meet fully the requirements of ADASRB, RAADASRB, as well as art. 101, item 3 and art. 2 in RDAC in UE-Varna.

6. Identifying the contributions of the candidate’s research work

To sum it up, the content of doctor Dimitar Dimitrov’s publications shows that he works mainly in three topical fields: “*physical education and sport as social phenomena and their role in the system of higher education*”; “*specialized types of tourism with a focus on sport tourism and sport animation product*” and “*theory and practice of training in the sphere of sport animation and sport tourism*”.

In summary, the **contributions** in doctor Dimitar Dimitrov’s publications per main areas are:

Firstly, research-and-applied contributions in the area of “physical education and sport as social phenomena and their role in the higher-education system” (publications on the list N: 7.1; 8.2; 9.3; 18.1; 19.2; 20.3; 21.4; 22.5; 24.7; 25.8; 28.11; 34.11; 35.18; 36.19; 39.22).

The author upgrades the theory of sport as a complicated social phenomenon and contributes for revealing its essence, place and significance, social functions and institutional mechanisms of management in modern societies (*Publications: 10.4, 36.19, 37.20, 40.23*).



An analysis has been made of the historical development of sport and football in particular, with a focus on the evolution of the rules and refereeing in the context of the European Union. The sport-and-technical elements of organizing and holding international sport event are systematized and elaborated. (*Publications: 40.23, 23.6*).

The socio-economic and cultural aspects of sport events as a resource for developing youth tourism are studies. There are outlined the interconnections between sport, culture, economy and public policies as a conceptual and applied ground for planning and organizing sport events on local, national and European level (*Publications: 36.19, 37.20, 23.6, 34.17, 36.19, 37.20, 40.23*).

Historical and institutional analysis has been made of physical educations and sport in higher schools by tracing the evolution of the sport system in universities and the changes in its social, regulative and organizational characteristics. The author has studied the influence of sport activities on students' capabilities and work competence. There is a systematization of factors that motivate students to carry out physical activities and sport. The set of tools for evaluating students' physical activity and work capacity has been studies. The author has made standardized physical tests and questionnaires for objective assessment of young people's physical abilities and habits. The results gathered are the ground for planning curricula and initiatives oriented to improving the trainees' physical and psychic health. (*Publications: 7.1., 8.2, 9.3, 18.1, 21.4, 22.5, 25.8, 35.18, 20.3, 24.7, 39.22, 19.2*).

The author has designed policies and programmes on institutional level for coordination of the use of sport facilities aimed at sport initiatives held effectively by university and local communities. (*Publications: 22.5, 35.18*).

Secondly, research-and-applied contributions in the area "specialized types of tourism with focus on the sport tourism and sport animation product".

Significant research-and-applied contributions in the area are part also in the habilitation monograph of the candidate (*Dimitrov, D. (2025). Sport tourism – tendencies and perspectives for development. Varna: "Science and economics", "Prof. Tsani Kalyandzhiev" Library*). In the monograph the author systematizes the essence of sport tourism in the system of tourist supply and its role as a modern form of specialised tourism. There he successfully defends the thesis that sport tourism is actually a vital factor for the socio-economic development pf areas through integrating sport activities in the tourist products and creating value both for tourists and local communities.

In doctor Dimitar Dimitrov's articles and reports that correspond with the topics of his habilitation paper, he contributes for expanding the theoretical framework and practice of planning the development of sport tourism. He offers guidelines for planning and organizing sport-and-touristic events. Strategies are designed for market segmentation and positioning destinations for sport tourism. Opportunities are identified for developing cultural tourist routes that are also sport-themed. The author studies how innovations and digital technologies are applied in sport tourism. (*Publications: 13.7, 10.4, 11.5, 12.6, 41.24, 42.25, 14.8, 16.10*).

In his publications the author discusses the role of natural and cultural resources for the development of eco- and rural tourism. He suggests a systematization of the



infrastructural, economic and organizational challenges for creating eco villages. (Publication: 38.21).

Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD makes a thorough study of the theoretical and practical-and-Applied aspects of sport animation in tourism. He upgrades the theory of tourists' motivation and consumer behaviour when consuming animation products. He suggests practical models for integrating sport animation in the tourist SPA and wellness programmes. The author also outlines guidelines for designing personalized animation products which increase competitiveness of tourist sites. (Publications: 26.9, 32.15).

In his publications the candidate defines variants for adapting sport-and-animation games and creating an animation product per tourists' age, interests and physical training. He designs a model for organization and communication interaction between tourists and animators. The author formulates possibilities for integrating new sports in the tourist animation product. He studies the role of mini beach football in tourists' active leisure time and socialization. He also suggests practical scenarios for implementing football in animation and sport-and-touristic programmes. The author presents an applicable model for holding football games in a tourist setting. (Publications: 27.10, 29.12, 30.13, 31.14).

Thirdly, research-and-applied contributions in the area "*theory and practice of training in the field of sport animation and sport tourism*".

In the works with doctor Dimitar Dimitrov's participation there is an upgrade of the theory and enriched practice of training and formation of competent and competitive tourist staff in the field of sport animation and sport tourism. The author contributes for upgrading the tourist ground of sport animation by designing a conceptual frame for the organization of sport-and-leisure activities in tourism having in mind modern tendencies in sport infrastructure, emerging new sports and tourists' preferences. He formulates methodological guidelines for gathering knowledge, skills and habits by students and future sport animators, thus contributing for scientifically based teaching and training in the field of tourist sport animation. Results have been reached in respect to enriching the content of textbooks and manuals by use of suitable examples for presenting the theoretical academic subject matter aiming at students, so that they can understand and perceive it better. (Publications: 43.1, 44.2).

Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD presents proofs of 16 citations of 10 of his own publications, which is good argumentation for the public interest in his research works.

7. Participation in research projects and scientific events.

Between 2014 and 2025 Dimitar Dimitrov, Ph D took part as a member of a research team in a university project for research-and-applied studies with the topic: "Tourist profiles of the municipality of Dalgopol", financed by a subsidy of the national budget. Within the project framework an analysis was made aiming at an identification and assessment of the basic factors of the immediate external environment that have an impact on the development of the tourist activity in the municipality of Dalgopol. On the ground of the gathered data conclusions were drawn in respect to the strengths and weaknesses of the municipality as a tourist destination and recommendations were made for improving the competitiveness and the



sustainable development of local tourism.

Doctor Dimitar Dimitrov took part in a municipal, three national and three international practical-and-applied projects. He was a team member of the project "Health is responsibility for life – healthy practices for active young people" financed by the Municipality of Varna." He has participated as an academic mentor in a practical training in the projects of MES "STUDENT'S PRACTICES" in all three stages since 2014 up to this moment. He headed the following international projects: project № 101090135 - NEST23 WE GOLF for training instructors in beach golf; project № 101134611 - FutNet For training in the sport of FootNet (football tennis) for youths and adults; project №101184318 – "Nordic walking for a clean environment – NW ECO" – all three projects were financed by the Erasmus+ Sport programme.

Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD took part with reports and presentations in more than 28 research conferences in Bulgaria and abroad.

8. Lecture work

The teaching-and-pedagogical activity of doctor Dimitar Dimitrov is focused mainly in the departments of "Languages and sport" and ETM in UE-Varna. He teaches bachelor students – full-time, part-time and distant learning. He took part in the design of 12 curricula in the discipline "Physical education" for "bachelor "OQD – full-time and distant learning for the specialties "Tourism" and "International tourism" – where students study in Russian. He delivers lectures and seminars to bachelor students in the following disciplines: "Physical education", "Physical education and sport animation", "Sports improvement - football", "Modern types of tourism", "Tourist resources", "Animation in tourism", "Social psychology in tourism" and "Specialised types of tourism".

Since 2014 on doctor Dimitrov gives lectures and seminars to bachelor Students in Russian un the disciplines "Physical education and sport animation" and "Animation in tourism".

In the course of 2024/2025 academic year doctor Dimitrov has **1291** classes total classroom workload.

The presented documents prove doctor Dimitrov's active involvement in academic work through his participation in writing 1 collective textbook ("Sport animation") and a collective manual ("Sport animation") in the disciplines taught by him and his colleagues.

Doctor Dimitrov's work with students in the last 10 years includes scientific mentoring and reviewing of more than 23 bachelor diploma papers. The candidate prepares and guides students for their participation in the 2 (two) representative mini-football teams of the University of economics-Varna. Together with the Student's Union in UE-Varna, he organizes open discussions with renown sport celebrities like Dimitar Berbatov, Koubrat and Tervel Poulevi, Aleksandra Zhekova. He also organizes, together with the Student's Union, regular competitions in beach golf, as well as sport-and-tourist trips for students.



Doctor Dimitar Dimitrov is a reliable lecturer who is motivated for constant improvement and is highly appreciated by students.

9. Plagiarism

В представените за рецензиране публикации няма доказано по законоустановения ред плагиатство, използване на некоректни данни и/или некоректно позоваване на чужди научни трудове.

In the publications submitted for reviewing there is neither plagiarism prove in accordance with the statutory procedure. Nor use of incorrect data and/or incorrect citation of other people's research works.

10. Critical notes and questions to the candidate

I have known doctor Dimitar Dimitrov since 2012 when he was a PhD student in The ETM Department in UE-Varna and later as a lecturer in the department. He has the indisputable qualities of a conscientious, hard-working, strict, competent and ethical specialist and lecturer, appreciated highly by students, lecturers and employees in UE-Varna.

The reviewed research works do not give any ground for serious critical notes. I Recommend doctor Dimitrov to enlarge the scope of his studies aiming at deepening his research endeavours in the field of the economic aspects of sport tourism and sport animation in tourism.

11. Conclusion

In view of the presented documents and the results achieved in his research work and teaching, doctor Dimitar Dimitrov **meets** the requirements of ADASRB and RAADASRB in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the requirements of RDAC in UE-Varna for taking the position "associate professor", namely:

He has acquired the educational and scientific degree "doctor".

He has taken the academic position "**lecturer**" and "**senior lecturer**" in the department of "Physical education and sport" (now department of "Languages and sport") in UE-Varna for more than **20** years.

There are presented and accepted for assessment **41** publications, including a **habilitation paper** which is actually an **independent monograph**.

There are documented **16 citations** of the candidate's research works by other authors in Bulgaria and abroad.

The candidate teaches classes in academic disciplines in EQD "professional bachelor" and EQD "bachelor" in UE-Varna which is closely tied to the area announced in the competition.

He has published **textbooks and manuals** in the main disciplines taught by him.

He has taken part in **1 research-and-applied project and 7 practical-and-applied projects**.

Dimitrov meets the minimum national requirements in art. 2b, item 2 and 3 and, respectively, the requirements in art. 2 b, art. 5 in ADASRB. The candidate declares **1156,66** points total with required minimum of **390**, with performance on indicators in all groups (group A – **80** p. achieved with **80** required; group B – **100** p. achieved with



100 required; group D – 871.66 p. achieved with 160 required; group E – 105 p. achieved with 50 required.

The candidate performs in all indicators the quantitative requirements for taking the academic position “associate professor” in UE-Varna on the ground of art. 2b, item 5 in ADASRB and in compliance with art. 101, item 5 in RDAS in UE-Varna (which came into power on 09.10.2025), declaring **281.66** points with required **110** p.

There is no plagiarism in the research works in accordance with the statutory procedure.

Doctor Dimitar Dimitrov’s achievements in the research-and-applied and teaching-and-pedagogical activity are enough ground for me to give him **positive assessment** and suggest him for taking the academic position “associate professor” in area of higher education 7. **“Healthcare and sport”, professional trend 7.6 “Sport”, scientific specialty “Sport (Sport tourism)”** for the needs of the department of “Languages and sport” in UE-Varna.

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Prof. Stoyan Marinov, PhD



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REVIEW

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regarding the competition for the academic position of "associate professor" in professional field 7.6. "Sports", scientific specialty "Sports (Sports Tourism)

1. General information

Reviewer: Professor Lyudmil Petrov Ivanov, PhD

Department of "Theory and Methodology of Physical Education" at the University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. Cyril and Methodius" Veliko Tarnovo, field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional field: 1.3. "Pedagogy of Education in... Physical Education and Sports".

This review was prepared on the basis of Order No. RD 06-7/15.01.2026 of the Rector of the University of Economics, Varna on the appointment of the Scientific Jury.

The review was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, The Regulations for its Implementation and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the University of Economics, Varna.

2. Competition information

The competition for the academic position of "associate professor" was announced in the State Gazette, No. 98/18.11.2025 in the field of higher education 7. "Healthcare and Sports", professional field 7.6 "Sports", scientific specialty "Sports (Sports Tourism)" for the needs of the Department of Language Training and Sports at the Faculty of Informatics of the University of Economics, Varna.

The only candidate to participate in the announced competition has submitted documents: Senior Lecturer, Dimitar Stoilov Dimitrov, PhD, from the Department of Language Training and Sports at the UE of Varna.

The set of materials and documents submitted by the candidate is in accordance with the Higher Education Act and the regulations for its implementation at the University of Economics, Varna.

Senior Lecturer Dimitar Stoilov Dimitrov, PhD fulfills the minimum national requirements for the academic position of "associate professor" in the field of higher education, in which the competition under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of the ZRASRB was announced the requirements in Art. 101 of the PRAS in the University of Economics, Varna.



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3. Candidate details

Dimitar S. Dimitrov graduated from secondary school "Sports Profile" - Targovishte in 1992. He obtained his higher education at the National Sports Academy "Vasil Levski", Sofia - Bachelor's degree in 1998 with a first specialty "Sports" and a second specialty "Physical Education". The candidate obtained a Master's degree in 2007 at the University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. Cyril and Methodius", Faculty of Pedagogy, majoring in "Sports Pedagogy". In the period from 2012 to 2015, Dimitar Dimitrov was a doctoral student in independent training at the Department of Economics and Organization of Tourism at the University of Economics, Varna, with a study period of 3 years, where he acquired the Educational and scientific degree "PhD" in the professional field 3.9. Tourism, scientific specialty "Economics and Management (Tourism)", after successfully defending a dissertation on the topic: "Increasing the competitiveness of the sports animation product in seaside hotel complexes".

In the period 2022 – 2025, Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD, participated in 4 short-term specializations and trainings on topics: "Development of soft skills of employers and employees under the project educational platform of the ERASMUS + / ESSENCE program"; Working with scientific electronic resources, working with the eLearn and UEBN platforms"; "Intellectual Property, Copyright and Plagiarism: Legislation and Case Law".

Dimitar Dimitrov's sports career is connected with the football team "Svetkavitsa" - the city of Targovishte, where he played professionally in the first team from 1994 to 2000. From 1999 to 2004, Dimitrov worked as a teacher of "Physical Education and Sports" at "Dobri Chintulov" Primary School, Varna. Since September 29, 2004, after winning a competition, Dimitar Dimitrov has worked as a "lecturer" at the University of Economics, Varna, and since 2007 he has been a "senior lecturer" in the Department of "Physical Education and Sports". Since May 2023, he has been in the Department of Language Education and Sports.

Dimitar Dimitrov is actively involved in public work as a member of the Referees Commission of the Zonal Council of the Bulgarian Football Union, Varna, as a person responsible for appointments, organizer of sports events, including four international children's and youth football tournaments.

The candidate has excellent Russian and English skills.

4. Analysis of the candidate's scientific works

For participation in the competition, Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD presents a list of 41 publications. The scientific works presented include:

- 1 independent monograph - habilitation thesis;
- 1 independent monograph based on a dissertation for the acquisition of the ONS "PhD",
- 1 collective monograph;
- 11 scientific articles (8 independent and 3 co-authored, 4 of which are in English);
- 25 reports (13 independent and 12 co-authored; 3 of which are in English),
- 1 textbook and one teaching aid in co-authorship.

All submitted papers with a total volume of 800 pages are accepted for review.

The three monographs, which represent more than half of the total number of pages, are impressive.

The 240-page monograph "Sports Tourism - Trends and Development Prospects" explores a significant scientific and applied problem. The author examines the theoretical foundations of sports tourism, sports tourism in the context of the tourism industry, and trends and good practices in sports tourism.

The co-authored monograph "Tourism Profiling of the Municipality of Dalgopol" (2021) is the result of a research project funded by the state budget. The work represents not only a reference analysis of the municipality of Dalgopol, but also a methodological basis for profiling and strategic management of tourist destinations in the country.

The third monograph by D. Dimitrov is entitled "Increasing the Competitiveness of the Sports Animation Product in Seaside Hotel Complexes" (2024) and is an independent monograph based on a dissertation for the acquisition of the „PhD”.

In his scientific work, senior lecturer Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD, has conducted research in the following scientific areas:

- physical education and sports - 22 published studies ;
- sports tourism and sports animation and – 17;
- training in sports animation and sports tourism – 2.

5. Contributions to the candidate's research work

The author's research, directed at the system of physical education and sports in higher education institutions, represents a scientific and applied contribution. The influence of sports activities on the physical and mental performance of students has been studied. The factors motivating students towards physical activity and sports have been systematized.

Another contribution is the author's research on the theory of sports, the history and theory of football and football refereeing, and sports events in youth tourism.

Candidate Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD reveals and affirms the role of sports tourism as a modern form of specialized tourism and a factor for socio-economic

development of regions. The inclusion of sports tourism, according to him, in tourism products creates value for both tourists and local communities.

Dimitar Dimitrov, researches the theoretical and practical aspects of sports animation in tourism. He builds on the theory of motivation and consumer behavior of tourists when consuming animation products. He offers practical models for integrating sports animation into various tourism programs.

Regarding teaching methodology, the author formulates methodological guidelines for the acquisition of knowledge, skills and habits by students and future sports animators, which contributes to scientifically based teaching and training in the field of tourism sports animation.

Candidate Dimitar Dimitrov presents evidence of 16 citations of 10 of his publications, which contributes to the publicity of his scientific work.

6. Participation in scientific projects and scientific forums.

In the period 2014 - 2025, Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD participated as a member of a scientific team in a university project for applied scientific research on the topic: "Tourism profiling of the municipality of Dalgopol", financed by a subsidy from the state budget. In addition, he has participated in one municipal, three national and three international practical projects. He was a member of the team in the project "Health is a Lifelong Responsibility - Healthy Practices for Active Youth", funded by the Municipality of Varna.

Dimitrov has been an academic mentor in practical training under the MES "Student Practices" projects in all three phases from 2014 to the present. He has also led the following international projects:

- project No. 101090135 - NEST23 WE GOLF - for training beach golf instructors;
- project No. 101134611 - FutNet For for training in the sport of FutNet (football tennis) for youth and adults;
- - project No. 101184318 — "Nordic Walking for a Clean Environment - NW ECO".

All three projects are funded under the Erasmus+ Sport program.

Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD has participated with reports and presentations in over 28 scientific conferences in Bulgaria and abroad.

7. Teaching work

Dimitar Dimitrov's teaching and research work is focused on the departments of "Language Education and Sports" and Department of "Economics and Organization of Tourism" at the University of Economics of Varna. He teaches classes to undergraduate students, full-time and part-time. He participated in the development of 12 curricula in the discipline "Physical Education" for the Bachelor's degree program - full-time study, in the first and second year, for the specialty "Tourism" and "International Tourism" - with teaching in Russian. He conducts lectures and exercises with bachelors in the disciplines: "Physical

Education"; "Physical Education and Sports Animation"; "Sports Improvement - Football"; "Modern Types of Tourism"; "Tourist Resources"; "Tour Guiding"; "Animation in Tourism"; "Social Psychology in Tourism"; "Specialized Types of Tourism".

During the 2024/2025 academic year, Dimitrov, PhD has a total of 1291 hours of classroom work. In addition, he participated in the development of a textbook and teaching aid on "Sports Animation" in co-authorship.

Dimitrov's work with students over the past 10 years includes scientific supervision and review of over 23 bachelor's theses. He prepares and guides students for their participation in the 2 (two) representative mini-football teams of the University of Economics, Varna.

No plagiarism has been proven in the publications submitted for review. No procedural violations or remarks regarding the competition have been noted.

8. Critical notes and questions to the candidate.

I know Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD as a student in the master's program "Sports Pedagogy", and also as a lecturer in the Department of "Physical Education and Sports" at the University of Economics of Varna, and as a public figure. He is a highly educated teacher who has high-quality achievements in science and practice.

It covers the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively the requirements under Art. 2.b, para. 5 of the Law on Academic Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria for the academic position "associate professor". The candidate declared a total of 1156.66 points with a required minimum of 400 points.

9. Conclusion

According to what has been written so far, senior lecturer Dimitar Stoilov Dimitrov, PhD, meets the requirements of the ZRASRB and PPZRASRB in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Regulations of the University of Economics of Varna for holding the position of "associate professor", Therefore, with full conviction, I give my positive assessment and propose him for election to the academic position of "associate professor" in the field of higher education: 7. "Healthcare and Sports", professional field: 7.6 "Sports", scientific specialty "Sports (Sports Tourism)" for the needs of the Department of "Language Training and Sports" at the University of Economics of Varna.

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