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TO
THE SCIENTIFIC JURY FOR
FOR THE POSITION OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN
JOURNAL, BR. 92/01.11.2024 Г. COMPETITION FOR THE ACADEMIC POST OF
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PROFESSIONAL FIELD 3.6 'LAW', SCIENTIFIC
SPECIALTY 'CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW (COMMERCIAL) LAW'

REVIEW

From

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Concerning a competition for the academic post of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.6 "Law", scientific specialty "Civil and family Law (Commercial Law)".

Grounds for preparation - Order of the Rector of IU-Varna No. RD 06-174/29.11.2025 for the appointment of the composition of the scientific jury for the announced in the State Gazette, no. 92/01.11.2024 of the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor, professional field 3.6 "Law", scientific specialty "Civil and Family Law (Commercial Law)" and the decision of the first meeting of the scientific jury of 13.01.2025.

1. Competition details

The announced competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Sciences, professional field 3.6 "Law", scientific

specialty "Civil and Family Law (Commercial Law)" is for the needs of the Department of Legal Sciences. The competition notice was published in the Official Gazette, no. 92/01.11.2024 r.

One candidate - Dr. Emil Yordanov Radev - has submitted documents for participation in the competition and the submitted documents are in full compliance with the RASDB Act, the Regulations for the Implementation of the RASDB Act and the Regulations for the Development of Academic Staff at the Varna University of Economics (PRASDB).

The candidate is admitted to the competition as meeting Article 56 in conjunction with Article 48 (2) of the PPPASRB and Article 105 of the PRAS, as well as the minimum national requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor in the professional field of the announced competition (on the basis of Article 26 (2) and (3) of the PRASRB) and meets the quantitative requirements under Article 101 of the PRAS of UE-Varna (on the basis of Article 26 (5) of the PRASRB).

2. Biographical details of the applicant

Emil Yordanov Radev graduated from secondary education in 1990 at the First Language School Hristo Kabakchiev, Varna. In 1997 he graduated from the University of Economics - Varna. He holds a Master's degree in Public and Regional Administration from the Chernorizets Hrabar University of Science and Higher Education.

For the period 2012 - 2017 he was enrolled in the doctoral studies at the NBU, and in 2017 he obtained the scientific and educational degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Civil Law", having successfully defended his dissertation on "The legal nature of the plan for reorganization of a trader in the bankruptcy proceedings" (diploma № 314 / 10.11.2017). On the basis of the defended dissertation, a stand-alone monograph on The Recovery Plan was published: [Monograph on the basis of the defended dissertation] with a total volume of 264 pages.

In 2007-2009 he was a member of the Municipal Council of Varna. For the period 07/2009 - 03/2013 he was a Member of the 41st National Assembly, and for the period 05/2013 - 07/2014 he was a Member of the 42nd National Assembly. From July 2014 until today he has been a representative in the European Parliament and has been a member of the Committee on Legal Affairs, a deputy member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, a deputy

chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, a member of the Committee on Petitions, a deputy member of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Dr. Emil Radev was the rapporteur of the European Parliament on the following reports:

- Report on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2009/102/EC and (EU) 2017/1132 with regard to further extending and updating the use of digital tools and processes in the field of company law 05-12-2023 A9-0394/2023 PE751.881v02-00 JURI
- Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism authority and amending Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 1094/2010 and (EU) No 1095/2010 05-04-2023 A9-0128/2023 PE731.820v02-00 ECON LIBE
- Report on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2019/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards access by competent authorities to centralised registers of bank accounts through the single access point, 17-01-2023 A9-0004/2023 PE734.352v02-00 LIBE
- Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a computerised system for communication in cross-border civil and criminal proceedings (the e-CODEX system) and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1726, 15-10-2021 A9-0288/2021 PE693.869v02-00 JURI LIBE
- Recommendation for second reading on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (Recast), 18-11-2020 A9-0225/2020 PE660.171v02-00 JURI
- Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1206/2001 of 28 May 2001 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters 19-12-2018 A8-0477/2018 PE628.500v02-00 JURI

- Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules to facilitate the use of financial and other information for the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of certain criminal offences and repealing Council Decision 2000/642/JHA 07-12-2018 A8-0442/2018 PE628.460v02-00 LIBE
- Report with recommendations to the Commission on common minimum standards for civil proceedings in the EU 07-06-2017 A8-0210/2017 PE593.974v02-00 JURI

He is also rapporteur for the following EP opinions:

- Opinion on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the creation of the digital euro 20-02-2024 LIBE_AD(2024)754988 PE754.988v02-00
- Opinion on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures on the import, export and transit of firearms, their essential components and ammunition, in implementation of Article 10 of the United Nations Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime ('UN Firearms Protocol') (recast), 21-09-2023 LIBE_AD(2023)749313 PE749.313v02-00 LIBE
- Opinion on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European single access point providing centralised access to publicly available information relevant to financial services, capital markets and sustainable development, 12-01-2023 LIBE_AD(2023)736586 PE736.586v02-00 LIBE
- Opinion on autonomous driving in European transport, 16-10-2018 JURI_AD(2018)623863 PE623.863v02-00 JURI

3. Characteristics of the presented scientific works

For participation in the competition, the applicant has submitted a list of 25 publications, as follows:

- Two monographs - one independent and one co-authored with a total volume of 404 pp.
- One study with a total volume of 37 pages.
- 6 independent scientific articles with a total volume of 66 pp.
- 7 independent scientific papers with a total volume of 70 pp.
- Other publications (popular science articles) - 9 with a total volume of 18 pp.

The presented scientific publications do not cover those submitted for the degree of Doctor of Science and Education.

The candidate's main habilitation thesis - "More Europe in the fight against money laundering. Developments and Challenges in European AML/CTF Legislation", is in its essence a comprehensive, systematic and the first of its kind independent, in-depth and complex study concerning the issues of anti-money laundering, in the aspect of established and applied European measures, norms and policies. It has a total length of 230 pages, consists of an introduction, six chapters, a summary and conclusions, references and an annex.

The development is highly topical and concerns crucial doctrinal, conceptual and practical issues in the formulation and adequate implementation of European legislation and strategic policies in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, by analysing the EU regulatory and institutional framework, clarifying the main institutional aspects of money laundering in the face of the European Banking Authority and competent authorities under the AML/CFT framework and a detailed analysis of the European Commission's new AML Action Plan, practically significant trends and prospects for a common European AML/CFT framework are highlighted.

According to Article 2b, paragraph 2, of the Report on the fulfilment of the minimum national requirements for the academic post of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 3 "Social, economic and legal sciences", submitted by the candidate. and 3 of the Law on Legal Education and Social Sciences, the candidate has in the group of indicators "C" - Published independent monograph (habilitation thesis) the required 100 points, in the group of indicators "D" - 240 points (required for 3.6 Legal Sciences - 200 points), in the group of indicators "E" - 70 points (required for 3.6 Legal Sciences - 50 points).

According to the submitted by the candidate Reference for compliance with the minimum quantitative scientific requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 3. "Social, economic and legal sciences", under Art. 104, item 14 of the PRAS in IU-Varna and on the basis of Article 2b, paragraph 5 of the Law on the Social and Social Sciences and Humanities for the position of Associate Professor, the points declared by the candidate for scientific reports are 80, while the minimum - 30, for scientific articles and studies - 90, while the minimum - 80.

The scientific production of the candidate is entirely in the field of the announced competition, and it is impressive that the scientific articles, studies and reports are in established, refereed and indexed journals. At the same time, some of the studies are of an interdisciplinary nature, combining scientific and applied research problems in the field of national and European legislation.

The publications submitted for the competition fully comply with and meet the requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor as stipulated in Article 100, Paragraph 1, Items 3-6 of the Regulations for the Development of Academic Staff at the University of Economics - Varna. The scientific issues are developed at a high scientific level, distinguished by the depth of the scientific analysis, as on the basis of established doctrinal formulations the author derives well-founded theoretical opinions, reasoned and adequate proposals de lege ferenda, concerning both national and European legislation, thus building on legal theory in the specific area of his scientific interests.

In the publications submitted for the competition, there is no evidence of plagiarism within the meaning of §1, item 7 of the DR of the Law on Research and Development, as well as incorrect data and incorrect reference to foreign scientific works.

4. Identification of research contributions.

The following contributions can be highlighted in the presented works of the candidate:

4.1 Contributions to the main habilitation thesis

In the main habilitation thesis - *More Europe in the fight against money laundering. Developments and Challenges in European AML/CTF Legislation, Avangard Prima, S., 2024*

- Trace in retrospect the genesis and development of the European Union's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing legislation and the serious challenges faced by the legislator,
- analysis of the relevant legal acts of the specific periods, outlining the general framework but also the trends in the development of the legislation, enabling a parallel and systematic analysis and the presentation of reasoned conclusions and proposals/analysis de lege ferenda,
- A systematic analysis of international initiatives and practices in the field of anti-money laundering highlights trends in the development of policies and practices in this area,
- Comprehensive normative, historical and comparative legal analysis of the AML/CFT framework, based on which it is concluded that the European AML/CFT policies are in an active development process, which is reflected in their respective legislative texts,
- Comparative legal study of the Bulgarian legislation and the European legal framework,
- A study of the case law in the field of anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism in the EU, based on which sound conclusions are drawn with specific practical implications.

The summarized provides grounds to highlight the exceptional relevance of the development, constituting the first of its kind doctrinal comprehensive study in the field of combating money laundering and terrorist financing, which draws conclusions on the essential aspects in the prevention and combating of money laundering and terrorist financing, where through the analysis of established doctrinal opinions the author draws and justifies specific scientific conclusions and argues the proposed de lege ferenda. At the same time, the work has a distinctly prescriptive orientation, justifying the possibility of applying the scientific conclusions in the improvement of normative regulation and the construction and further development of adequate strategic policy.

4.2 Contributions to other publications of the candidate:

- Doctrinal and theoretical analysis and research of the impact of digitalization on the processes of education and labor relations and the related features of their development and adaptation, as well as analysis of the current legal framework and policies at European and national level on digitalization in the field of education and the labor market in the aspects of the current legal framework - European and national, regulating the trends and principles of the use of artificial intelligence and information and communication technology. - see *Legal Aspects of Digitalization in Higher Education and Labour Relations*, University of Economics Varna, 2024, Knowledge and Business Monograph Library, Book 25, ISBN 978-619-210-077-3
- Study of the nature, characteristics and functions of the European Banking Authority and the role of national authorities in the supervision of measures to combat money laundering and terrorist financing, respectively - follow-up on mechanisms to overcome weaknesses in the implementation of the current legal framework - see *Challenges to financial supervision related to the fight against money laundering at the European level*, Yearbook of IU-Varna 2023, vol. 93, pp. 191-227, NAACID 1203, ISSN 0861-6752,
- Explore current trends and dynamics in the EU's proposed comprehensive plan to modernise AML/CFT legislation. - See "Anti-Money Laundering Measures in the European Union - Reform in Progress", *Izvestia, Journal of the University of Economics - Varna*, 2020, 64 (3), pp. 192 - 209, NACID 2564, ISSN (Online): 2367-6949 ISSN (Print): 1310-0343
- A doctrinal and prescriptive analysis of the legislative and institutional framework of the European Union (EU) in the field of counter-terrorism, through an exploration of the legal, institutional and analytical approach to counter-terrorism, in the aspect of a systematic and integrated view of the implemented community measures. - See: *Legislative Measures in the European Union to Combat Terrorism*, *NBU Law Journal*, XIV.1, 2018, pp. 51 - 61 ISSN (Online): 1314-5797, NACID 2167
- Exploring trends in the development of the European legal framework in the definition of artificial intelligence and concepts for its application, as well as tracking the ethical challenges in its use - see "Ethical Challenges Facing the European Union in the Use of Artificial Intelligence." *Izvestia, Journal of the*

University of Economics - Varna, 2021, 65 (3), pp. 310-331, ISSN (Online): 2367-6949 ISSN (Print):1310-0343,

- An analysis of the legal framework for the protection of the EU budget, as well as the main challenges facing the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) as a body investigating crimes against the EU's financial interests, by highlighting significant theoretical and practical contributions to the understanding and improvement of the legal framework for the fight against fraud in the EU. - See: 'The new European instrument for investigating transactions and fraud affecting the EU budget', Journal of Accounting, Tax and Law No. 2, 2019, NACID 2101, ISSN: 1314-8133, "The European Public Prosecutor's Office - an important step in the fight against fraud affecting the European Union budget", Rhodopes Magazine, Joint Journal of Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar", Branch - Smolyan and Regional Government - Smolyan, Issue 1-2, 2019, NACID 793, ISSN 1312-4552
- Identifying and exploring the challenges to the digital development of European law, and analysing the impact of digitalisation on European legal mechanisms by identifying concrete measures to optimise procedures in cross-border court cases through the use of digital technologies. - See Challenges to the Digital Development of European Law in Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation, Law in the Era of Digital Transformation: Challenges and Opportunities, Proceedings of the Scientific Conference, New Bulgarian University 2023, 19 May 2023, Legal Studies Forum Series, Book One, NBU 2024, ISSN 3033-1129 (Print), 3033-1137 (Online)
- Exploring the process of development of European digital services legislation, through analysis and proposals for changes to the Digital Services Act, aimed at regulating the tech giants in the EU, with a focus on consumer protection - see: 'Development of the digital economy in the EU: new rules and perspectives', Law and Business in Modern Society, Proceedings of the 3rd National Scientific Conference 13 November 2020, 2023 Science and Economics Publishing House, University of Economics - Varna, 13-20, NASID 3082, ISSN 2603-5073 (print) 2738-7488 (online),

- Exploring the trends and evolution of digitalisation on justice systems and facilitating access to justice in cross-border situations, with a focus on the importance of interoperability and security in digital communication between Member States. - See: Digital Transformation in EU Justice Systems, Journal of the Union of Scientists - Varna, Humanities Series 1/2020, NASID 2601. ISSN 1310-6376,
- Exploring due diligence and accountability as key enablers of sustainable corporate governance in the framework of EU legislative reform by proposing approaches to improve accountability and transparency mechanisms in the corporate sector, with a focus on the development of legal frameworks and best practices. - See: 'Due Diligence and Accountability - Factors for Sustainable Corporate Governance in EU Legislative Reform', Law and Business in Modern Society, Proceedings of the 4th National Scientific Conference 22 October 2021, 2022 Science and Economics Publishing, University of Economics - Varna, NASID 3082, ISSN 2603-5073 (print) 2738-7488 (online) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.36997/LBCS2021>
- Exploring private litigation funding as an innovative mechanism for improving access to justice in the EU, by analysing the challenges and regulatory aspects related to the implementation of the model and, accordingly, proposing solutions for its more effective integration into the legal framework. - See "Private litigation funding - European solutions for fair access to justice", Law and Business in Modern Society, Proceedings of the 5th National Scientific Conference 12 October 2022, 2023 Science and Economics Publishing House, University of Economics - Varna, NASID 3082, ISSN 2603-5073 (print) 2738-7488 (online),

In summary, it can be concluded that Dr. Emil Radev is a productive researcher with a high level of knowledge and serious expertise in the relevant scientific field, a rigorous and correct researcher and in this sense his scientific - research work is at an undeniably high academic level, as in quantitative and qualitative aspects fully meets the requirements of the PRASUE for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor".

According to the attached Reference for the fulfilment of minimum national requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher

education 3. "Social, Economic and Legal Sciences", according to Article 2b (2) and (3) of the Law on Research and Development, some of the candidate's publications have been cited in other scientific works, including scientific journals, monographs, collective volumes, and out of the required by the group of indicators "E" - 50 points, the points collected from the declared citations are 70, exceeding the established minimum.

5. Participation in scientific projects and scientific forums

Dr. Emil Radev has participated as a member of two research teams of scientific projects, respectively - "Legal Relations and Status of Persons in the Judiciary in the Conditions of Digitalization", NPI-57, head of the main asst. Dr. Diana Rumenova Dimitrova, "Study of the problems of digitalization of processes and implementation of artificial intelligence in the management of control and control activities", NPI 64/2023, headed by head asst. Dr. Plamena Nedyalkova.

He has also contributed to a collective monograph "Legal Aspects of Digitalization in Higher Education and Labour Relations", University of Economics Varna, 2024, monographic library "Knowledge and Business", book 25, published in implementation of project № KP-06-N-45/1 "Digitalization and Digital Competences - Trends and Innovative Practices in Higher Education and Labour Market", funded by the Scientific Research Fund.

He actively participates in the traditional scientific conference "Law and Business in Contemporary Society" organized by the Department of Legal Studies with his opinions and papers, as well as in other events organized by UE-Varna, in particular:

- Participation as MEP and "Ambassador of Libraries" in the European Parliament, in the organization of a competition on "The Library of the 21st Century - Traditions and Modernity" - a joint project of the University Library, the European Documentation Centre at the Library and the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Economics - Varna, May 2016.
- Participation as MEP and "Ambassador of Libraries" in the European Parliament in the organization of a competition on "Contemporary Europe and Human Rights" - a joint project of the University Library, the European

Documentation Centre at the Library and the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Economics - Varna, April 2018.

- Participation in the online discussion forum "Application of Artificial Intelligence in Different Societal Spheres - Prospects and Risks", 15.04.2021.

Member of the Editorial board "Knowledge and business /Electronic Journal "Economics and Computer Science", ISSN 2367-7791, Varna.

6. Evaluation of the candidate's teaching work

According to the submitted reference for the total annual workload for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, for two consecutive years Dr. Emil Radev lectured as a guest lecturer in the discipline "Tax and Legal Regulation of Real Estate Transactions" to Master's degree students of the University of Economics - Varna.

7. Notes and recommendations

Some remarks and recommendations may be addressed to the candidate, in particular:

- To focus and expand his/her publication activity in established scientific journals and in internationally recognized databases - Scopus and/or Web of Science.
- It is good for the candidate to maintain the high scientific level of his/her research and to use the experience gained to develop interdisciplinary research, respectively - initiate the development of scientific and applied projects.

Conclusion

The above-mentioned positive evaluations of the candidate's activity and scientific work give grounds to conclude that the undisputed scientific and applied-practical achievements of the candidate's work, his excellent and well-established expertise, as well as the overall assessment of his professional qualities, fully meet the quantitative and qualitative requirements for holding the academic position of Associate Professor, according to Art. 3 of the Law on the Application of the Law on the Application of the Law on the Application of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Varna University of Economics.

On the basis of the above, I give my entirely positive assessment of the candidature and with conviction propose to the esteemed members of the scientific jury that Dr. Emil Yordanov Radev be elected to the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 3. "Social, Economic and Legal Sciences", professional field 3.6. "Law", scientific specialty "Civil and Family Law (Commercial Law)" , proposing to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Finance and Accounting of UE-Varna its confirmation.

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member of the scientific jury for conducting a procedure for obtaining the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the Professional field: 3.6. "Law", scientific specialty "Civil and Family Law (Commercial Law)" for the needs of the University of Economics - Varna, announced in the State Gazette, No. 92 /01.11.2024.

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY

Candidate in the procedure for the academic position of "associate professor" in the professional field 3.6. "Law", announced in the "State Gazette", issue SG no. 92/01.11.2024 is Mr. Emil Yordanov Radev, PhD.

According to the requirements of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the regulations for its implementation, the procedure documents include specifically Order of the Rector of the University of Economics - Varna No. ПД 06-174/29.11.2024, on determining the the scientific jury, a CV, an author's reference for the contributions in the scientific works with which the candidate participates in the procedure, a list of scientific production and summaries of scientific works, a reference for the minimum scientific requirements, a reference for contributions, etc.

In regards to announcing the procedure, all regulatory requirements were met.

I. Candidate presentation

Mr. Emil Yordanov Radev holds a Master's degree in Law from the University of Economics - Varna, as well as a Master's degree in Public and Regional Administration from Varna Free University.

During the period of time from 1999 to the present time, he has been registered as a lawyer to Varna Bar Association. From July 2019 to July 2024, he is a member of the European Parliament, as well as a member of the Committee on Legal Affairs, as well as a deputy member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

In 2017 successfully developed and defended a dissertation on the topic "Legal Nature of the Restructuring Plan of a Merchant in Bankruptcy Proceedings" for the acquisition of the degree "PhD" in the professional field 3.6. "Law", scientific specialty "Civil Law".

I. General presentation of the scientific production with which the candidate participates in the competition procedure

The scientific works of Mr. Emil Radev, PhD presented in the procedure, in terms of quality, fully meets the requirements of the law, and in terms of quantity, significantly exceed the minimum nationally established requirements for holding the academic position of "associate professor", as well as the requirements of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on Academic Staff Development of the Republic of Bulgaria and those of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the University of Economics - Varna.

The procedure documentation presents a monographic work on the topic "More Europe in the fight against money laundering. Developments and challenges facing European legislation in the field of AML/CTF" in an amount of 230 pages (published in 2024 - ISBN: 978-619-279-026-4), as well as a collective work - in co-authorship, on the issues of "legal aspects of digitalization in the field of higher education" (published in 2024 - ISBN: 978-619-210-077-3).

The scientific publications presented within the framework of the procedure cover a wide time range and have rich content reflecting analysis and results of research on processes and activities directly related to the topic of the competition procedure, covering the period from 2016 to the present.

The scientific output submitted by Mr. Radev for review contains numerous scientific and applied scientific contributions. A significant part of the developments also have great practical significance.

II. Анализ на представен монографичен труд. Analysis of a presented monographic work

- *Monography entitled "More Europe in the fight against money laundering (development and challenges facing European legislation in the field of AML/CTF)" (published 2024 -ISBN: 978-619-279-026-4)*

The monographic work presents the topic of "Fighting Money Laundering: Developments and Challenges for European AML/CTF Legislation" in six separate chapters. The author focuses on an analysis of international experience, instruments, standards and legislation in the field of money laundering. The need for EU rules to constantly adapt to emerging risks in order to ensure their overcoming is accurately and correctly taken into account. The analysis of specific situations is carried out with clear consideration of modern technological innovations, the global nature of terrorist organizations and gaps in the system that can be exploited by persons carrying out similar types of criminal activity.

Of particular importance is the work of Mr. Radev, which in its essence is a contribution to the legal doctrine. It is written in clear and precise legal language. The citations are correct. It contains numerous proposals "de lege ferenda" for changing the regulatory framework, both at the national and European levels.

The results of the researched and presented numerous diverse measures for achieving the goals set by the author are significant and constructive.

III. Analysis of the submitted articles and scientific publications

In a publication entitled "Due diligence and accountability – factors for sustainable corporate governance in the EU legislative reform," (Proceedings of the 4th National Scientific Conference, 2022 Science and Economics Publishing House, University of Economics – Varna ISSN: 2603-5073) the author explores the topic of corporate due diligence in the context of its new importance in the context of a pandemic. The assessment of the need for due diligence and corporate reporting of actions to achieve sustainable development goals can be characterized as a significantly positive element of the analysis presented by the author in the scientific publication.

In a publication entitled "Private Financing of Litigation - European Solutions for Fair Access to Justice" (published in Proceedings of the 5th National Scientific Conference 2022, Publishing House "Science and Economics" University of Economics - Varna, 2023) the author explores and presents trends in third-party financing of litigation. This instrument has both supporters and risks, which the author presents in the context of the actions of the European institutions. In conclusion, conclusions are drawn regarding the need to adopt a responsible regulatory framework for third-party financing of litigation at the European level.

Mr. Emil Radev, as the author of an article titled "New Rules in the Firearms Trade: Contemporary Challenges and Solutions in the EU," (published in, Proceedings of the 6th National Scientific Conference 2023) researches and presents results of an analysis of the rules specifically for the trade in firearms.

The presentation of the forms of realization of public relations in the context of the development of the Challenges to the digital development of European legislation in the field of cross-border judicial cooperation is of original nature. The analysis of the challenges related to the digital development of European legislation in the field of cross-border judicial cooperation can be defined as such with added value.

In 2023, Mr. Radev published two scientific articles on the topic "Development of the Digital Economy in the EU: New Rules and Perspectives" and on the topic "The Digital Development of European Legislation in the Field of Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation", within which he researches and presents the security of the new rules

and perspectives facing society and the need for legal regulation adequate to the ongoing processes.

The author skillfully argues the essential importance for the security and sustainability of a legal framework in the context of trustworthy artificial intelligence in the European Union.

In 2020, in the journal "Notices of the Union of Scientists in Varna", Mr. Emil Radev published an article dedicated to the topic of "Digital Transformation in Justice Systems in the EU", based on a research and analysis, trends and challenges to the development of e-justice are highlighted, with the topic analyzed in three main interconnected components. The challenges facing the digital transformation in the pan-European model are examined. The toolkit for digitalization of the judicial system is presented. Conclusions and generalizations are drawn based on the analysis.

In the publication of the Monographic Library "Knowledge and Business", book 25 ISBN 978-619-210-077-3, in 2019, an article was co-authored on "The Development of Labor Law is a Process That Follows the Evolution of Social Relations in Their Complexity". Mr. Radev presents the topic of "Research on the State of the Views and Principles of Operational Art after the Second World War". The author analyzes the technological development that has an impact on the demand and supply of labor, turning digital skills into an unavoidable factor in the process of digitalization both in the education and training systems and in the labor market.

In 2020, a scientific publication authored by Mr. Emil Radev presented the topic of "Measures against money laundering in the European Union - reform in progress". Special attention was paid to the specific tools that are manifested in the implementation of activities related to money laundering (Measures against money laundering in the European Union - reform in progress).

The topic of measures against money laundering as a threat to national security is the focus of Mr. Radev's research, and the author's scientific publications present results from research and analysis of the national and international dimensions of security in the context of the influence of regional and global factors.

The topic of "Development of the Digital Economy in the EU" was studied by Dr. Radev in the aspect of the new rules and perspectives it faces and the need for legal regulation adequate to the ongoing processes, as the author in his publication, in 2023, presents under the title "Development of the Digital Economy in the EU: New Rules and Perspectives", results of research into the processes of formation and introduction of elements related to a common policy of countering terrorism and money laundering.

IV. Characterization and evaluation of the scientific and applied scientific contributions in the presented scientific works

All scientific works submitted for review are in the scientific field in which this procedure is announced. Among the scientific production, a special place is occupied by the candidate's monographic work. In it, the author defined the concept of "money laundering", focusing on the various aspects of the manifestation and implementation of such activity as a social phenomenon.

The author's clarification of the main institutional aspects of money laundering, in particular the European Banking Authority and the competent authorities under the framework for combating money laundering and terrorist financing, is of scientific contribution.

In addition, the systematization and presentation of practical features aimed at highlighting trends and prospects for the European framework in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing represents an element of high added value.

In a practical aspect, of particular importance and contribution is the analysis developed and presented by Mr. Radev of the regulatory acts adopted in Bulgaria in connection with the transposition of European legislation on the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

V. Notes and recommendations

I recommend that Mr. Emil Radev, in his future scientific and practical research and scientific activities, expand and deepen his research on money laundering issues.

by also presenting the interdisciplinary aspects of the topic, in the context of implementing supervisory activities carried out at the European level.

The rich experience that Mr. Radev possesses, combined with the appropriate application of the strategic approaches he presents in research and analysis of the topics he develops, contribute to supporting the work of combating money laundering and terrorist financing.

CONCLUSION

Given the above, I confidently give my positive assessment and recommend to the members of the esteemed Scientific Jury to vote for the appointment of Dr. Emil Yordanov Radev to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 3. "Social, Economic and Legal Sciences", professional field 3.6. "Law", scientific specialty "Civil and Family Law (Commercial Law)".

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