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PROTOCOL ON DIPLOMA THESIS ASSESSMENT
(Reviewer)

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Title: **Euroregions and INTERREG V-a: A comparative analysis of projects at the Czech-Polish border**

Reviewer: Zuzana Kasáková

1. TOPIC AND OBJECTIVE (short information on the thesis, research objective):

The thesis focuses on analyzing the Czech-Polish Euroregions from the perspective of multilevel governance in the programming period 2014–2020. The research objective has been formulated comprehensively and clearly.

2. CONTENT (complexity, original approach, argument, structure, theoretical and methodological backing, work with sources, appropriateness of annexes etc.):

The presented master thesis deals with the topic not being discussed much in the academic debate. Theoretical and methodological backing is relevant; the author has adequately applied her research framework to the chosen topic. However, one can recommend a better formulation of hypothesis 4 (or even its reformulation in the form of a research question) as it is not relevant for quantitative research but for qualitative.

The structure of the thesis, as well as the work with sources, is adequate. Maps, tables, and graphs appropriately complement the analysis.

3. FORMAL ASPECTS AND LANGUAGE (quality of language, citation style, graphics, formal aspects etc.):

The formal and linguistic aspects of the thesis are at an appropriate level without any serious lapses. However, the sources of presented maps, graphs, and tables are omitted and should be mentioned in the text.

4. STATEMENT ON THE ORIGINALITY OF THE THESIS

The thesis was checked by the Turnitin Theses anti-plagiarism software and is in accordance with the requirements for the originality of the thesis.

5. SHORT COMMENTS BY THE REVIEWER (overall impression, strengths and weaknesses, originality of ideas, achievement of the research objective etc.):

The thesis focuses on a very interesting issue. One can also appreciate the author's effort to conduct original research based on comparative analysis. The author demonstrated the ability to apply the theoretical model to the thesis's empirical part and provide a thorough examination of the topic. The research objective was achieved.

6. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED DURING THE DEFENCE:

How has the cooperation changed thematically in the examined Euroregions in the current programming period?

7. (NON-)RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTED GRADE:

Grade: **A**

Date: 12. 9. 2022

Signature: