

## SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR'S REFERENCE

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Master in Smart City Management</b>
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<b>Title of thesis:</b>	<b>FACTORS STIMULATING ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF HOUSEHOLDS: THE CASE OF ST. PETERSBURG</b>

<b>Justification of the topic choice. Accuracy in defining the aim and objectives of the thesis.</b> Justification of the topic choice; accuracy in defining the aim and tasks of the thesis; originality of the topic and the extent to which it was covered; alignment of the thesis' topic, aim and objectives.
The topic choice is justified by the need to improve sustainable behavior of individuals to preserve natural resources and decrease the speed of climate changes.
<b>Structure and logic of the text flow.</b> Logic of research; full scope of the thesis; alignment of thesis' structural parts, i.e. theoretical and empirical parts.
The text is well structured. The scope of the analysis fulfills the balance between theoretical and empirical parts of the thesis.
<b>Quality of analytical approach and quality of offered solution to the research objectives.</b> Adequacy of objectives coverage; ability to formulate and convey the research problem; ability to offer options for its solution; application of the latest trends in relevant research are for the set objectives.
The analytical approach is of superior quality and further can be implemented for further scientific research to prepare scientific articles as well as PhD thesis.
<b>Quality of data gathering and description.</b> Quality of selecting research tools and methods; data validity adequacy; adequacy of used data for chosen research tools and methods; completeness and relevance of the list of references.
The data gathering and description fits the requirements to the master thesis.
<b>Scientific aspect of the thesis.</b> Independent scientific thinking in solving the set problem/objectives; the extent to which the student contributed to selecting and justifying the research model (conceptual and/or quantitative), developing methodology/approach to set objectives.
The author demonstrated ability to think independently and to make valuable conclusions based on literature review and empirical research.
<b>Practical/applied nature of research.</b> Extent to which the theoretical background is related to the international or Russian managerial practice; development of applied recommendations; justification and interpretation of the empirical/applied results.
The theoretical background is relevant to Russian as well as international experience in energy preservation.
<b>Quality of thesis layout.</b> Layout fulfils the requirements of the Regulations for master thesis preparation and defence, correct layout of tables, figures, references.
The layout meets formal requirements.
<b>Originality of the text.</b> All sources of match identified by the Safe Assign system follow the allowed cases, the paper does not contain any elements of plagiarism.
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The Master thesis of PERERVA VLADISLAV IGOREVICH meets the requirements for master thesis of MSC program thus the author of the thesis can be awarded the required degree.

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