

SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR'S REFERENCE

Program:	Master in Public Management
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Title of thesis:	CITIZEN E-PARTICIPATION IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT: DRIVERS AND CONSTRAINTS IN ST. PETERSBURG

<p>Justification of the topic choice. Accuracy in defining the aim and objectives of the thesis. 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.</p> <p>The topic choice is supported by the increasing role of the ICT in urban development. The necessity to analyze the roles of stakeholders and to attract people, interested in development of the city, forms the demand for e-participation in urban development. The goal of the thesis is tightly connected to the problems discussed and the objectives, formulated in the paper, help the author to fulfill the research.</p>
<p>Structure and logic of the text flow. Logic of research; full scope of the thesis; alignment of thesis' structural parts, i.e. theoretical and empirical parts.</p> <p>The structure of the text is defined by the logic of the research and completely coincides with the objectives, formulated in the thesis.</p>
<p>Quality of analytical approach and quality of offered solution to the research objectives. 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.</p> <p>The analytical approach is of good quality The author uses appropriate methodology to analyse existing empirical data.</p>
<p>Quality of data gathering and description. 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.</p> <p>The data on portal users was gathered by the author during the internship. The on non-users was gathered by means of survey, which was performed by the author herself. The information gathered helps the analyse motivation for e-participation of different groups of citizens.</p>
<p>Scientific aspect of the thesis. 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.</p> <p>The scientific aspect of the thesis is mostly connected to the attempt to implement existing methodology to the analysis of ICT implementation for urban development in St.Petersburg.</p>
<p>Practical/applied nature of research. 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.</p> <p>The practical nature of the research is connected to formulation of a set of recommendations for different actors of e-participation and urban development processes.</p>
<p>Quality of thesis layout. Layout fulfils the requirements of the Regulations for master thesis preparation and defence, correct layout of tables, figures, references.</p> <p>The layout of the thesis meets the requirements of the Regulations for master thesis preparation and defence.</p>
<p>Originality of the text. All sources of match identified by the Safe Assign system follow the allowed cases, the paper does not contain any elements of plagiarism.</p> <p>There is no plagiarism in the text.</p>

The master thesis of Aubakirova Karina meets the requirements for master thesis of Master in Public Management program thus the author of the thesis can be awarded the required degree.

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