

Assessment of Master Thesis

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Subject: Entry Strategy for the European Union-Republic of Croatia

Demand factors:			
Theoretical background	Average	X	Above - average
Data used	Average	X	Above – average
Methodology used	Average	X	Above - average

Criterion	Scale			
	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Overall objective achievement		X		
Self-reliance of author		X		
Logical structure		X		
Using of literature, citations	X			
Adequacy of methods used			X	
Depth of analysis			X	
Form of MT: text, graphs, tables		X		
Felicitousness	X			

Usefulness of results in practice and theory: average

Discussion topic for defense:

Generally, I consider the objectives of the thesis to be met. Author has provided a basic look at the preparation process of the Republic of Croatia for accessing the EU. The process has been assessed from different points of view. Appropriate recommendations for other candidate countries have been formulated as well. On the other hand, the economic analysis doesn't go much into the details. Author doesn't bring much new and her own contribution is rather small.

1. Do you expect any significant changes in Croatian trade and capital flows after the EU accession? Justify your answer.

2. When looking back, what would you recommend to do differently in Croatian Entry Strategy?

Master Thesis **is recommended for the defense**

Grade proposed: “very good”

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Signature of academic consultant