Master´s Thesis Evaluation by the Opponent

Title of the Master´s Thesis:

FUTURE OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Author of the Master´s Thesis:

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Goals of the Master´s Thesis:

The thesis aims to provide most suitable method to handle waste management in the Czech Republic.

Evaluation:

	Criteria	Description	Max. points	Points
Content 70%	Output Quality	The author attempted to further improve the previous version of the thesis by incorporating more literature and further developing his approach. Although the quality has improved, the Flaws in the methodology section restricts the quality of the thesis.	20	18
	Goals	The goal of the thesis was partially achieved. If you are not selecting and using approporiate methodology if it difficult to validate the results.	10	7
	Methodology:	This is the weakest part of the thsis. Author mentioned that he used interviews to collect information as well as validate the findings of the study. However, it looked like that author only used secondary sources information and develop final findings using that info only. I could not find any details on interview questions, some examples of codes (author mentioned that he developed 128 codes), verbatim phrases were missing as well. I can understand that you can used some interviews to validate your findings but no information was provided how actually you reached to your findings without some initial interviews. Bascially, you are relying on the secondary data to explore the problems and it is possible that you do not even know the true issues in implementing the proper waste management issues unless you do somo initial interivews with the people actually involved in the process (not just validating the findings).	20	05
	Theory/ Conceptualization:	The literature review was comprehensive and author collected secondary data from several reliable sources. However, there are several recent researchers on this topic which were missing (such as published in Journal of cleaner production and sustainability?	20	18
Formal requirements 15%	Structure:	The thesis is easy to read and follow and therefore very well organized.	3	3
	Terminology:	The thesis is well written.	4	4
	Formalities:	The overall formatting was good.	4	4
	Citing:	Citations were well used.	4	4

Delivery 15 %	Presentation document:	Is the presentation itself structured in a clear way? Is it appealing and easy to follow? Does it convey the message efficiently?	5	
	Presentation skills:	Are you conveying the message efficiently and timely? Do you use appropriate words, speed, tone of voice, gestures, movement etc. to express your thoughts in a clear manner?	5	
	Argumentation:	Are you able to readily and briskly react to questions or comments? Are you able to explain unclear parts and connect comments to relevant places in your presentation or parts of particular analyses? How well are you able to defend to your ideas and recommendations?	5	
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Other comments:

I have just one query as mentioned below:

Questions or comments to be discussed during the thesis defence:

You proposed two different models that can be implemented in the Czech Republic though they both have pros and cons. Would you recommend one specific type of model for one specific region in the Czech Republic? I believe that the level of waste generation varies across the different regions in the CZ, so one model may be more suitable for one region than in another region.

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