

Report on Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Cost planning of PPP projects in the Czech Republic

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):

The aim of this thesis is to study the cost planning of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the Czech Republic, in particular the case of development of road infrastructure.

- The topic is relevant and has potentially important policy implications.
- The author clearly formulates the research questions and attempts to answer them by combination of several suitable methods, ranging from review of the literature, interviews with experts in the field, detailed discussion of the Czech legislature to an empirical analysis of a World Bank model for a case of R35 motorway.
- The thesis provides a comprehensive overview of PPP projects complemented with own empirical research with interesting results.
- The thesis is well written and easy to follow. The author has sound knowledge of the relevant literature and current state of Czech laws.

In case of broader discussion, the defence committee might want to ask the following questions:

- To keep balanced view, did the author carry out interviews with people from private as well as public sector?
- How exactly are the empirical results linked to the recommendations about institutional settings?

I am happy to recommend the thesis for defence and suggest grade A (1, vyborne).

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	28
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	27
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	95
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: Julie Chytilová

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Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

Overall grading:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE		
81 – 100	1	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	2	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	3	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	4	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě