

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Croatian accession to the European Union: impact on the agricultural sector

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

The thesis is dealing with a short-term impact of Croatian accession to the EU on its agricultural sector. The impact is studied from empirical point of view, however also results of model estimation are discussed. The topic of further EU enlargement and its consequences to the particular sector is described and possible future development in this respect is discussed in the conclusion.

The thesis is well structured, clearly written and from my point of view fulfills all requirements of master thesis in the field of European Economic Integration and Economic Policy. The ability of author to work with the data, to capture the topic and to describe the problematic is clearly proven in chapters 1 - 4. In chapter 5 a gravity model is constructed and the results are discussed. On the other hand there is still lot of space for further research and especially for developing results and practical proposals that would bring some more added value to the current situation. As also stated in the conclusion of the thesis the critical issue is the time dimension and hence the lack of data. Therefore the findings should be threatened carefully, especially from the economic policies point of view.

As stated above the data set used in the thesis has some limits. Mainly in the described time period (the EU accession happened just in 2013). This could lead to the lack of robustness of the econometrical model. On the other hand due to fact the thesis is up to date. The thesis clearly shows some statistics and those are nicely proven. Mainly that the Croatian agricultural sector is so far not showing any signs of significant detrimental effects caused by the accession and only positive effects are shown on agricultural export. The author also proves the ability to work with the econometrical models, software and to create an original conclusion based on the results.

Generally it must be said that the thesis is a good work, especially I would like to emphasize that author is trying to handle an up to date topic and hence to shed some light into the current economic policy debate. The conclusions of the thesis could be bit more practical and a general consequences could be discussed (including own critical opinion on the problematic).

Suggested question for the defense are:

- Do you think that the conclusions of the thesis could hold also for other "Balkan" states when joining EU? Does the EU a good job in its common agricultural policy with respect to a new member states?

In the case of successful defense, I recommend "**excellent**" (**v ýborn ě, 1**).

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	18
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	24
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	17
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	84
GRADE (1 - 2 - 3 - 4)	1

NAME OF THE REFEREE: PhDr. Ondřej Glazar

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