



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	10
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	15
<i>Total</i>		80	35
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	18
TOTAL		100	53



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The research question – why the quorum for yellow card in the EWM has been achieved rarely – is certainly interesting and relevant, and detailed study of all three cases in which that happened can bring relevant answers. The author adds to the existing literature by studying all the three cases, including the most recent one. However, the thesis suffers from certain shortcomings. The literature review is presented in an enumerative way rather than a synthetic summary of an existing knowledge, and it is unclear whether the author has really confirmed or merely repeated previous findings.

Moreover, even though the author has chosen several relevant concepts and introduced them in her conceptual framework, these concepts are presented relatively briefly with few references and unfortunately play little to no part in the analysis. The identification of key issues is not based on any clear operationalization or methodology. For example, one of the key aspects discussed by the author is when and why national parliaments issue reasoned opinions and whether these are based only on subsidiarity concerns as mandated by the EWM; however, the subsidiarity is not defined or operationalized clearly enough for the author to be able to make such conclusions and the assessment itself is based more on the Commission's replies than the reasoned opinions themselves.

Minor criteria:

Generally all right, but more sources included primary sources should have been used.

Overall evaluation:

Good descriptive work but lacks proper analytical framework. Main contribution lies in clear summarization of all three yellow card cases, included the last one previously not analysed in the literature.

Suggested grade:

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