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Masters Thesis: Corrupt Practices in Bulgaria during the Transition Period and the impact of the EU Accession

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This thesis analyzes the problem of corruption in Bulgaria and evaluates the positive impact the EU accession has had.

After introducing the theoretical framework and the development of the Anti-corruption debate in the 1st chapter, the author identifies the causes and impacts of the rapidly developed corrupt practices in Bulgaria in the 1990s (chapter 2) and describes Bulgarian institutions and legislation tied with corruption (chapter 3). He appreciates the role of the civic sector and media in the 4th chapter and especially the positive impact of the EU accession (chapter 5).

For the defense discussion, I recommend to discuss more broadly the civil society participation in the fight against corruption.

I recommend this thesis for the final discussion and I suggest the A evaluation.

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