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REVIEW

of the Educational and Scientific PhD Program "Public Management and Administration" for the Third (Educational-Scientific) Level of Higher Education at National University "Yuri Kondratyuk Poltava Polytechnic"

The educational and scientific program (ESP) submitted for review for the preparation of Doctors of Philosophy in the specialty "Public Management and Administration" at National University "Yuri Kondratyuk Poltava Polytechnic" demonstrates a high-quality approach to planning the educational and scientific process.

The ESP aligns with Ukraine's European integration aspirations and the standards of the Bologna Process, corresponds to the university's strategic goals, and is aimed at training highly qualified specialists for public administration bodies and research and educational institutions. This ensures the versatility and high demand for graduates in the labor market. The program provides a broad scope of professional suitability and employment opportunities for graduates: it includes a comprehensive list of positions in accordance with the National Classification of Occupations (DK 003:2010), preparing candidates both for academic careers (research fellow, associate professor, higher education lecturer — classification codes 1237, 2310, 2419.1, etc.) and for executive positions in public administration (heads of departments, directorates, local self-government bodies, state inspections — classification codes 1143, 1210.1, 1229.1).

The integral competence (IC), general competences (GC 01 – GC 05), and special/field-specific competences (SC 01 – SC 11) are clearly formulated. The program learning outcomes (PLO 1 – PLO 13) are aimed at ensuring the comprehensive training of specialists.

The curriculum successfully combines theoretical lecture courses with practical training, incorporating interactive presentations, case studies, source-based research, and internships/practicums. The assessment system is transparent, clear, and based on the ECTS grading scale and a 100-point assessment system.

Our long-term academic collaboration with the Department of Public Management, Administration, and Law of the National University demonstrates that the program guarantor, Professor M. Lakhyzha, the Head of the Department, I. Kulchii, and the faculty members are experienced educators recognized for their publications and participation in international events, notably at the New Bulgarian University.

Therefore, the program is supported by highly qualified academic staff. While noting the undeniable strengths of the reviewed ESP, it is recommended to consider expanding international academic and educational cooperation through the dual supervision (co-tutelle) of PhD candidates.

The educational and scientific program "Public Management and Administration" for the training of candidates at the third (educational-scientific) level of higher education at National University "Yuri Kondratyuk Poltava Polytechnic" fully complies with the requirements established for third-cycle higher education programs and is recommended for approval.

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