

LUKÁŠ CÍBIK: FINANCOVANIE VEREJNEJ SPRÁVY

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Public administration presents the administration of public affairs in essence, which is implemented as a manifestation of the executive power in every country. However, executive power is exercised not only by the governmental bodies, but also by other entities separate from the state – the bodies of territorial self-government and interest self-government in particular. The dominant issue of the functioning of public administration is its financing, which is the main subject of the reviewed university textbook as well. The presented publication is conceived as an introduction to the issue of financing of public administration. In terms of scope, it has a total of 89 pages which are divided into 5 chapters, semantically following each other.

Examining the content and formal aspects, the manuscript is processed according to standards of a university textbook. In terms of formal processing, the level is standard, without any fundamental shortcomings. The text of the textbook, which is primarily intended for university students, is clear and easy to read and remember. I positively endorse that all individual chapters are proportionally balanced and logically follow each other. Thus, this publication offers a complete and comprehensive view of the issue, without one part prevailing at the expense of other parts.

From a methodological point of view, the publication is conceived in a way that it can be used as a textbook for students of public administration. It gradually progresses from an explanation of basic terminological concepts to a more comprehensive understanding of the issue. In later and extended editions, the textbook could also contain illustrative and practical examples within individual chapters and subchapters. In this way, the author would use examples to demonstrate the individual concepts which are presented in his textbook. Also within the research activities of the department (whether in the form of department publications, research activities, diploma and dissertation theses, etc.) it would be possible to amend the content and scope of the textbook, which would ensure its place in the syllabi of several courses at the department. The author used several relevant methods applicable within such type of publication, but this textbook could also include mathematical and statistical methods, as well as the already mentioned practical examples, which would help

in developing students' knowledge and skills in seminars or exercises. I appreciate the author's efforts to contribute to the teaching and presentation of this topic with his own research outputs within the department. As a result, I consider the work to be significant and topical.

The author also excellently addressed the topic of financing of public administration on the basis of theoretical knowledge from domestic and foreign literature. The literature, its scope, total number of sources (87) and their character are appropriate according to scholar standards for the processing of university textbooks. Thus, the author has demonstrated sufficient knowledge and orientation in scholar and scientific literature. On the other hand, the slight absence of legal resources can be considered as a little shortcoming. Despite the fact that the textbook is primarily focused on the economic interpretation of financing of public administration, it can be stated that there is no connection with legislation in the field of public law in the Slovak Republic, nor textbooks, monographs or scientific articles in the field of administrative and financial law. These would greatly increase the added value of the textbook. Despite this shortcoming, the author managed to identify and formulate the structure and models of public finances together with models of fiscal federalism, on which he focused primarily. Overall, it can be said that the publication provides a comprehensive analytical view on the issue of public finances. In the introductory chapters it summarizes the current development in this area - domestic and foreign as well. In the next chapters, the topic is further developed, resulting in a comprehensive publication, which can be presented as a textbook for use in the academic environment, but also for experts from the practice, or for the public interested in this issue.

The topic of the correct presentation of important messages, whether from the public environment or from the corporate environment, has and will continue to have an important impact on the life of society, or on the life of a public organization. In the current competitive environment, where the effects of competition are transferred not only to the business sphere, but also into the areas of social life and politics, the quality of knowledge in this area is extremely important. This is one of the reasons why this topic should become an important point and the subject of further authors' research - because such an important topic needs to be addressed constantly.

In terms of overall processing, the author clearly formulated the main goal of the textbook, which is to provide a comprehensive text for lectures within the course of financing of public administration for the students of non-legal universities. This corresponds with a scope and extent of the main subject, as well as the way it is interpreted. In

conclusion, it can be stated that the author, as a university teacher, has sufficiently demonstrated the ability to process a university textbook at an appropriate level, where he endeavours to comprehensively explain the selected problems of financing of public administration to students

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