

STANDPOINT

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for the scientific works of Ing. Alena Buzova, PhD, submitted for participation in a competition for the academic position of “ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR” in the field of higher education 9. “Security and Defense”, professional field 9.1. “National Security” “Modern Security Models (Security of Electronic Communication and Intellectual Property)”, announced in the State Gazette, No. 49 of 17 June 2025

1. Assessment of the candidate's pedagogical training and activities

The candidate Alena Buzova, PhD, has extensive teaching experience in Slovakia in the field of Security Theory and in postgraduate study programs.

In addition to teaching activities, the candidate has held and holds managerial administrative positions and is a coordinator of postgraduate studies.

The candidate's pedagogical training is enriched by the supervision of bachelor's and master's theses.

The candidate's overall teaching activity shows that he has extensive pedagogical training and extensive experience as a lecturer.

2. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific results and contributions

The main scientific results obtained by the candidate can be characterized generally as supplementing knowledge in a scientific field with new concepts, methods and approaches. I confirm the presence of contributions in the candidate's works submitted for the competition.

The significance of the contributions in the works of Alena Buzova, PhD, is determined by their scientific-applied nature. The research conducted by her and the results obtained create conditions for further research in the field of security theory and security of electronic communication and intellectual property.

The significance of the results obtained from the candidate's research is also evidenced by citations by other authors, including in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes.

3. Critical assessments, notes and recommendations for peer-reviewed works

The scientific works of Alena Buzova, PhD, accurately and completely present the results of hep research. They also demonstrate the candidate's broad literary awareness.

As a critical note, I can point out that the candidate has submitted several references, which, however, have the same content, and in some of them the information contradicts each other, such as for example the citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and the number of citations in non-refereed publications. The reference for the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements does not list the cited works of the author, but only the citing publications.

I have no critical remarks about the candidate's work that would diminish the significance of the contributions received.

My recommendation is that the candidate increase her publications abroad.

4. Opinion on the presence or absence of plagiarism

In the candidate's works, I have not found any presentation as one's own of works that were entirely or partially written or created by another author or the use of scientific results published by another author, without reference or citation.

5. Conclusion

I positively evaluate the scientific output of Alena Buzova, PhD. I believe that the candidate meets the requirements for holding the academic position of “Associate Professor” according to the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Academy of National and Information Security

for the Implementation of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. This gives me reason to give her an overall **positive assessment**.

Based on the above **I vote positively** for the election of Alena Buzova, PhD, to the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 9. “Security and Defense”, professional field 9.1. “National Security” “Modern Security Models (Security of Electronic Communication and Intellectual Property)” in the competition, announced in the State Gazette, issue 49 of 17 June 2025.

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