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**HABILITATION THESIS  
SUSTENABLE DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THEORY  
AND PRACTICE**

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## Abstract

The empowerment thesis represents a synthesis of the two most representative scientific papers written after being awarded the title of doctor of economy (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, between 2007-2011, with the thesis “Image production in the new economy”), integrating the personal experience in research specialized in relevant and topical field of interest for the economical researchers, durable development of Romania’s economy in European context.

The postgraduate research in progress between 2014 (June) and 2015 (September), through the program “Performance and Excellence in doctoral and post-doctoral research in the field of economics sciences”- POSDRU/159/1.5/5/134197, with the title „The analysis of harmonizing the relationship between the socio-economical system and the natural capital of the rural space. The case of the silvan ecosystems in Romania” has raised interest on the field of investigation represented by the implications of integrating the Romanian economy with the fundamental values of durable development.

The thesis with the title „Sustainable development between theory and practice” is structured in accordance to the laws in force (OMEC nr.5229/17.08.2020) for the approval of methodologies regarding the awarding of the empowerment title, the doctor title, as well as „The Methodology for the organisation of the process of obtaining the empowerment credentials”, approved by the Decision no.261/16.12.2020 of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies Senate. Within this methodological context, the paper is structured in three main sections:

1. Scientific and academical accomplishments and contributions related to the investigated field, SD;
2. Perspectives for the development of the scientific and professional career;
3. Bibliographical references.

The first section synthesizes the author’s own papers belonging to the very wide field, from an interdisciplinary approach. The section opens with an Argument in which the components of the paradigmatic core of SD concept are briefly presented, highlighting its definitions, challenges and the controversy concerning the term of “sustainable development” (in French “le développement durable”).

The scientific and academical accomplishments related to the investigated field of sustainable development- reflects relevant aspects of the paradigmatic core of the concept SD which I have structured in the present empowerment thesis in the following chapters:

Chapter 1: Rural development within the context of SD

Chapter 2: Protected areas management

Chapter 3: The purpose of sylvan ecosystems in the rural economy

Chapter 4: The implications of the Europe 2020 strategy on competitiveness within the context of sustainable development

Chapter 5: Education and revenue inequities

Chapter 6: Business demography and resilient economical growth

These modules underline, in fact, the course of the research and important parts of my activity, which, throughout the years, I have made available by publishing them in academic media: books, scientific article in economics magazines: Web of Science, Clarivate, Scopus and BDI, scientific lectures held at both national and international scientific conferences, published afterwards in volumes or magazines with national and interational accreditation.

The pragmatic quality of these scientific products are based on extensive bibliographical documentation (almost 270 bibliographical resources) and on a methodology of exploratory, quantitative, qualitative and econometrical analysis. Moreover, the scientific endeavour, for part of the research capitalized the managerial decisions of the people in charge, responsible with integrating EU directives, also recommendations and practices of international organizations (ONU development programs), within the field of Sustainable Development in our country: Romsilva. Etc

The second section of the present thesis concerns the candidate's individual capacity to coordinate research teams, to organize and manage didactical activities, to explain and facilitate learning and research. This part also contains the plan for the development of a university career starting from the candidate's own accomplishments and sets objectives for the next period, underlining three directions: didactical activity, research activity and balancing these two directions.

The third section of the present research contains 267 bibliographical resouces and 36 web resources used throughout the paper.

The present research represents a selection of my main scientific contributions from the period following the doctoral thesis and the present day, which are personal points of view re-enforced in time on the concept of Sustainable Development.

At the same time, the empowerment thesis opens new fields of research for my future scientific and didactic career in the complex topic of Sustainable Development.