UNIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY

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EXAM PROGRAM

FOR DOCTORAL EXAM

IN SCIENTIFIC SPECIALTY "WORLD ECONOMY AND IER"

AT "IER AND BUSINESS" DEPARTMENT

DISCIPLINE: "CURRENT STATE AND DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION "

SECTION I EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION – STAGES, METHODS AND PRINCIPLES

1. **European economic integration – stages, methods and principles**

Definition of European economic integration. European economic integration through the different stages of the process. Methods and principles of European economic integration. The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

SECTION II THE EU'S PLACE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY

2. **EU Customs Union**

The Customs Union as a phase of regional economic integration. The Customs Union as a regional trade agreement. Static and dynamic economic effects of the Customs Union. Legal framework of the Customs Union. Unified customs policy.

3. **EU Common Commercial Policy**

Common export and common import regime . Trade protection measures for imports. Export protection measures. EU position and export specialization in world trade. EU trade relations and agreements with major trading partners (USA, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Russia, Turkey). EU and WTO Arbitration. EU trade policy and globalization

SECTION III THE EU SINGLE MARKET

4. Free movement of goods in the EU

The transition from free trade to free movement of goods. Overcoming physical barriers. Overcoming technical barriers. Overcoming fiscal barriers. Exceptions to free movement and remaining obstacles to the free movement of goods.

5. Free movement of services in the EU

Growing importance of services in the EU. Structure of the EU services sector. Development of the freedom to provide services in the EU in key sectors. Directive 2006/123/EC. EU export specialization in world trade in services. Intra-EU trade in services. Remaining obstacles to the free movement of services.

6. Free movement of capital in the EU

Theoretical basis. Legal basis of the free movement of capital in the EU. From inter-industry to intra-industry specialization. Importance of the free movement of capital for the Member States. Main directions of European foreign direct investment (FDI) in the internal market and with third countries. Remaining barriers to the free movement of capital. Capital Markets Union.

7. Free movement of labor

Creation and development. Effects of the free movement of labor. Intra-Union migration and immigration in the EU. Social models in the EU. Social policy at the Union level. Social dialogue at the Union level.

SECTION IV MAIN POLICIES OF THE EU

8. Protecting competition and promoting entrepreneurship in the EU. SMEs

Modern economic policy at the Union level. The European Semester. Competition policy. EU antitrust legislation on cartels, mergers and state aid. Promoting entrepreneurship in the EU (EU

measures and programmes). SMEs in the EU: definition, main characteristics and problems facing them.

9. EU environmental policy. Climate and energy measures. The Green Deal.

Traditional areas of EU environmental policy. Sustainable development as a concept and areas of manifestation. New aspects of environmental protection policy. Measures and objectives in the field of energy policy. The Green Deal – objectives and challenges.

10. EU Common Agricultural Policy

Introduction, development and objectives of the CAP. The 2003 reform. Current state and main challenges. International dimension. Positions and export specialization of the EU in world trade in agricultural products.

11. Economic, social and territorial cohesion (cohesion) in the EU. EU cohesion policy.

Economic, social and territorial cohesion in the EU – indicators and status. Cohesion policy – prerequisites and effects. Regional structural policy. EU funds and programs for the implementation of cohesion policy.

12. Shared competences of the Union and the Member States in the fields of research and innovation, information society, health, education and youth.

EU competences, measures and programmes in the field of research and innovation (Horizon programme). EU competences, measures and programmes in the field of information society (Digital Europe). EU competences, measures and programmes in the field of education and youth (Erasmus+ programmes, European Solidarity Corps, etc.) . EU competences, measures and programmes in the field of health. Project for the establishment of an EU Health Union.

SECTION V EU – BUDGET, EURO AREA AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

13. Financing of Union programs and measures - EU budget. Revenue and expenditure part of the budget. Financial framework 2021-2027.

Characteristics of the EU budget. Budget procedure. Revenue part of the budget. Expenditure part of the budget. Multiannual financial frameworks. Financial framework 2021 – 2027.

14. Effects of Bulgaria's membership in the EU. Bulgaria's preparation for joining the eurozone.

Benefits and costs associated with Bulgaria's membership in the EU. The European Monetary System (EMS). Factors affecting the efficiency of the Eurozone. The Stability and Growth Pact and the Fiscal Compact. Criteria and degree of preparation of Bulgaria for joining the eurozone.

15. Economic cooperation in Southeastern Europe and the role of Bulgaria in the European integration of the Western Balkan countries.

Economic cooperation in SEE – chronology and current status. Degree of European integration of the Western Balkan countries (according to the annual reports of the European Commission). Economic cooperation of Bulgaria with the Western Balkan countries – status, obstacles and opportunities. Expected effects of further EU enlargement.

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A. BASIC

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