Editorial Foreword

It is with great pleasure that we are meeting again with our readers due to this Volume 12, Issue 2/2016. This issue follows the tradition of REASER topics inspired by Europe 2020 strategy, with a special focus on two of the five long-term priorities: employment, education. Social issues of both wide European and international interest are dealt with objectively and solutions are proposed in the spirit of the meaningful transformation targeted for Europe's social market economy of the 21st century.

The welfare of citizens is the concern of the first article, signed by three authors under the guidance of Professor GalantinaCanco (Doraci). The social insurance system and the pension reform in Albania is under scrutiny of the authors, who performed a research based on a questionnaire to evaluate the current situation. The findings of this research showed a need for the government rethinking and improvement of the social insurance scheme and for a private system if social insurance, for a private pensions scheme. The decision-making process, this time at the level of businesses, is the theme of the next article, signed by Irina Canco. The research conducted by this author in relation with the impact of decision-making methods in business performance revealed that an informed decision-making of competent managers has a positive influence on business performance.

Social Economy is the key concern of Violeta Stanciu Chiriloaie in her article dedicated to the Romanian law of social economy, pointing out the possible traps of the adopted approach and proposing a wider view over the social purpose that Social Economy could serve

The issue of corruption in public officials work related to public projects is raised by GerasimosSoldatos, while NicolaosSatsiosinvestigates the properties of the Religious Commitment Inventory-10 (RCI-10)and the results showed the Greek RCI-10 is a promising scale that should be used preferably for exploratory purposes.

Professor Anna Dokukina conducted a research devoted to the development of higher education system in Russia, approaching the project initiated by The Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation which is aimed at the integration of leading universities into the global educational environment.The research of wide international interest shows that, on the one hand, more favorable conditions are being created for Russian universities to increase their competitiveness to reach a worthy position in the global educational space, while on the other hand it rises great concerns to universities-participants and communities of interest. Independent experts reasonably discuss the slow dynamics of declared goals' achievement that they connect with a range of problems.

We are confident that our usual and new readers will find satisfactory and useful answers to their own questions, concerns and quests, which will encourage them to probe deeper into the former eleven issues of our scientific review. This is an opportunity for the editors to express their gratitude for the high quality of the papers submitted by authors for publication along the six years of existence of REASER review.

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