

Dear Christian Zimmerman

Unfortunately I could not answer dilemmas raised on the quality and originality of article *Romanian policy mix to adopting the euro* published in the journal *Theoretical and Applied Economics*, vol 9 (514), before being raised RePEc Committee. Email addresses from yahoo.com no longer functional for a good time.

With regard to the finding of negligence related citations in the mentioned paper, we discuss the following positions and arguments:

1. The paper was written shortly before Romania's accession to the Euro area, being an attempt of rational understanding / awareness of conditionalities and measures necessary for the success of such a economically and socially challenging process.
2. Regarding phrases taken from a previous article we belong, we would like to mention that the study *Romania's real convergence to EU - dream or reality?* (2007 b) was presented at an international conference "The Integration of Romania in the European Union: opportunities and challenges" organized by GAER and Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies, as a working paper. The papers presented at the conference were automatically published in a journal indexed in international databases, without signing a copyright license agreement. Copyrights belong to us. In addition, in Romania self plagiarism was considered a form of deviation from the rules of conduct in September 2011 (Ordinance no. 28/2011). Moreover, there must be understood that lately, desiring to increase the international visibility, more volumes of conferences / journals in Romania published research papers in the stage of draft working paper, without the author's written consent or without submitting the final form to authors for agreement on the publication of these works.
3. The existence of passages that have been quoted Convergence Programme of Romania 2006 is due to a simple thing. One of the authors of the article „Romanian Policy mix to adopting euro” participated in laying the basis and writing of some parts related to macroeconomics / EU accession, both at the 2006 Convergence Programme and also at 2007 and 2008 Convergence Programme, being an employee of the Department of Macroeconomic Analysis and Financial Policies of the Ministry of Public Finance, the institution which elaborated these reports. In addition, the report was quoted in the bibliography.
4. Paragraphs where they found the lack of quotations to the work of our colleague Marius Marinus represents common points of view, on which the research team worked together aiming at aspects related to Romania's accession to EU and the Euro area. We both worked together with Marius Marinus in several research projects related to nominal convergence, real convergence and benefits and costs of Romania's accession to the European Union.
5. In conclusion, we can assume some negligences on self citation or quotation for the work that has been put forward by your referral. Therefore, we proceeded to correction uploading discussed and recommendations raised in the petition work. We believe, however, that giving any plagiarism in the present case is incorrect, since this is rather negligence / disagreements on settlement rigor copyright on ideas implemented in the article.
6. The desire to increase the international visibility of the research conducted by economists from Romania by largely indexing journals in famous international databases also brings certain vulnerabilities, possibly to be corrected. On the other hand, I would also take into account the purely quantitative importance of the assessment system of researchers from the Romanian educational system until a few years ago, which also resulted in possible

negligences in absolute compliance with the requirements for the dissemination of the results of conducted research.

Best regards

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