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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND
ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION
OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**ΣΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ: Ευρωπαϊκή Πολιτική και Διακυβέρνηση (1,5 έτη, 90 ECTS,
Μεταπτυχιακό) - Εξ Αποστάσεως**

**ΣΤΑ ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ: European Politics & Governance (1.5 academic years, 90 ECTS, Master) –
Distance Learning**

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION
Neapolis University Pafos**

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20) (2)(f)(ii) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws of 2015 and 2019 [N. 136 (I) / 2015 and 35(I)/2019]”.

THE PROCEDURE:

On 10/01/19, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution NEAPOLIS University submitted an application (Doc. 200.1), based on Article (17) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 and 2019, for the evaluation-accreditation of the program of study:

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In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC) which, after initially examining the institution's application for program evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on 27/06/19.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the program's coordinator, members of the academic staff, members of the administrative staff, students and/ or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities (library, computer labs, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/ Faculty's structure and the program's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching in other programs of study.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 44th Summit on 15 and 16 July, on the basis of Article 20 (2)(f)(ii) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 and 2016 [N. 136 (I) / 2015 and N.47 (I) / 2016], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, the comments of the institution on the report and the feedback from the External Evaluation Committee, **decided that the program is accredited to be delivered in Greek and English.**

- **The program's teaching staff must be enhanced by permanent academic personnel with research publications including publications in international refereed journals with peer review system.**

Based on the EEC's feedback, the University must act on the following issues/concerns:

- **It is positive that the University is trying to redress the faculty gender imbalance noted, however, as it stands, all female teaching staff are now either visiting or at lecturer level, which in a way further reinforces the inequality between the genders already highlighted. Ultimately, there is no quick fix for this imbalance and it will need to be addressed over the long term recruitment processes**
- **The details on academic advisor roles and arrangements provided remain fairly elusive. Minimal numbers of meeting are still fairly low and only recommended, and processes if this does not occur are not very clear.**

The current accreditation begins in the Winter semester of the academic year 2019 – 2020 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Spring semester of the academic year 2023 – 2024.

On the basis of Article (4) of the relevant Legislation, it is noted that "the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation".

Additionally, on the basis of Article (17) (3) (f) during the period of validity of the Accreditation, the Agency acting of its own motion, may examine whether the criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation, and immediately inform the institution concerned.

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Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher
Education

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