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

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

IN GREEK:

Εγκληματολογία (3-8 έτη / 180 ECTS, Διδακτορικό)

IN ENGLISH:

Criminology (3-8years / 180 ECTS, PhD)

OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

University of Nicosia

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

THE PROCEDURE:

On March 31, 2020, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution University of Nicosia, 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 to 2021, for the evaluation-accreditation of the programme 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 programme evaluation and accreditation, performed a visit at the institution on November 7, 2022.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the programme’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, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/Faculty's structure and the programme'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.

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 90th Summit on February 20, 2022, according to the Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, and the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report, **decided that the programme is rejected based on the following reasons:**

- The lack of expertise on behalf of the teaching faculty from mainstream Criminology; "Although current staff are qualified in their particular specialisms social sciences is somewhat psychology heavy and we feel that the faculty may wish to consider increasing staff expertise in relation to mainstream criminology" EEC report pp. 9-10
- As a result, the EEC states that: "we remain somewhat unconvinced that UNIC is availing itself of all the opportunities of doctoral registrations that might come its way if some staff were qualified to supervise more mainstream criminology topics. EEC report pp.12-13
- In terms of the research output of the faculty members the EEC states the following: "Staff publications are strong, but activity appears have slowed in recent years" EEC report pp. 15
- The acceptance of PhD candidates coming from the Department's Master's program with the "no master thesis option" poses a threat according to the EEC; "We would discourage UNIC from accepting students with no master's thesis onto their PhD program but clearly this would have a knock on effect in terms of accepting non-thesis candidates from their own master's program" EEC report pp.29

On the basis of Article 20(2)(g)(i) The institution may, within one (1) month from the receipt of the final Report of the Agency, raise an objection requesting its review by the Evaluation Agency, stating the grounds which, in its opinion, justify the withdrawal and the review of the Evaluation Report.

(Professor Mary Ioannidou-Koutselini)
President of the Board of the
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

Date: March 1, 2023



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