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

**EVALUATION – ACCREDITATION
OF THE JOINT PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

IN GREEK:

Μεταπτυχιακό στην Προηγμένη Κυβερνοασφάλεια (2 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 120 ECTS, Μάστερ (MSc), Διαπανεπιστημιακό Πρόγραμμα με 1. European University Cyprus (EUC), Cyprus, 2. Brno University of Technology (BUT), Czech Republic, 3. Universidad de Murcia (UMU), Spain, 4. Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI), Italy, 5. Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary)

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CONSORTIUM OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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2. Brno University of Technology (BUT), Czech Republic
3. Universidad de Murcia (UMU), Spain
4. Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI), Italy
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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 20.06.2023, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution European University Cyprus (EUC), which is the coordinator of the consortium of the universities 1)Brno University of Technology (BUT), Czech Republic, 2)Universidad de Murcia (UMU), Spain, 3)Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI), Italy and 4)Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary, 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 institutions' application for programme evaluation and accreditation, performed on 10.01.2024 an on-site visit at the institution European University Cyprus (EUC), Cyprus and a remote visit at the institutions Brno University of Technology (BUT), Czech Republic, Universidad de Murcia (UMU), Spain, Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI), Italy and Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary.

The EEC met with the heads of the institutions, the heads of the relevant departments, the programme's coordinators, members of the academic staff, and members of the administrative staff, students and/or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committees.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institutions' facilities (library, computer labs, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the Schools'/Faculties structure and the programme's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institutions 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 103th Summit on 12.02.2024, 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 the Joint-Mundus program's accreditation/certification under conditions that must be met within the academic year 2024-2025, before the operation of the program, with the cooperation of all partners for a common policy.**

The CYQAA Agency recommends the consortium to submit the following documents:

1. **Student handbook and Evaluation Guide**
2. **Faculty staff handbook with clear guidelines to ensure a homogeneous, common view of teaching practices across the different courses**
3. **A feedback mechanism to allow students to express their thoughts on the clarity and usefulness of the provided information**
4. **Monitor mechanism for the improvement of measures taken**
5. **Engagement of the stakeholders in advisory roles**
6. **Creation on of a central resource for administrative information across the network**
7. **Short podcasts or videos to be produced by different staff working on common topics to stimulate debate and motivate students beyond what is possible from any single HEI.**
8. **A common social on-line community**

The language of the program delivery is English. Provided the conditions are met, the accreditation starts in the Spring semester of the academic year 2023–2024 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Fall semester of the academic year 2028–2029.

On the basis of (4)(c) of the relevant Law, 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 institutions, 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)(g) 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 institutions concerned.



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President of the Board of the
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

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