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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:**

Πολιτική Μηχανική και Μηχανική Περιβάλλοντος (4 χρόνια, 240 ECTS, Πτυχίο)

IN ENGLISH:

Civil and Environmental Engineering (4 years, 240 ECTS, Bachelor of Science)

**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 31st March 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 remote visit at the institution on September 27, 2021.

The EEC met remotely 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 remotely 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 78th Summit on January 18, 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 accredited to be delivered in English.**

The Agency informs the institution that within a period of six months to:

- **Improve the Laboratory equipment which is currently not sufficient "The existing laboratory and its equipment cannot fully support advanced experimental research activities" EEC report pp.29**
- **Several faculty members should be engaged as Academic Advisors and not just the program coordinator as per the comments in the EEC**
- **Engage in more intensive research collaborations "strengthening the collaborations with other European research groups might further increase the research status of the group thus allowing faculty members to increase the applications for European funding and therefore allocating budget for expanding and maintaining the existing laboratory facilities" EEC report pp. 29**

The current accreditation begins in the Spring semester of the academic year 2021-2022 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Fall semester of the academic year 2026-2027.

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)(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 institution concerned.



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

28 January 2022