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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**

**IN GREEK:** Επιστήμη του Αθλητισμού (4 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 240 ECTS, Πτυχίο)

**IN ENGLISH:** Sport and Exercise Sciences (4 academic years, 240 ECTS, BSc)

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

University of Central Lancashire Cyprus

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 and 2020 [N. 136(I)/2015 – 138(I)/2020].

**THE PROCEDURE:**

On 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2019, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution European University of Cyprus 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 2020 [N.136(I)/2015 – 138(I)/2020], 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 a remote visit at the institution on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

The EEC remotely 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 remotely 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 71<sup>st</sup> Summit on 13 of September 2021, 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 and 2020 [N.136(I)/2015 – 138(I)/2020], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, the comments of the institution on the report **decided that the program is accredited to be delivered English.**

The current accreditation begins in the **Fall** semester of the academic year **2021 – 2022** and ceases to be in effect at the end of the **Spring** semester of the academic year **2025 – 2026.**

On the basis of the recommendations of the EEC the institution should provide evidence of compliance, no later than the beginning of the Fall Semester 2022-2023.

- i. Improve the career advice to students throughout their studies, in particular, the career opportunities open to them as graduates of the Sport and Exercise Sciences and how they can use the skills they develop to open up career opportunities.
- ii. Increase the opportunities and the support for work experience earlier in the programme and explore ways to access to public schools for placement opportunities.
- iii. Optimize the feedback reception processes from the graduates of the program.
- iv. Establish processes for inviting international word expert to provide occasional teaching and research guidance.

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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Education

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021