

Form 400.1

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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:**

**Ανάλυση Δεδομένων (1 ακαδημαϊκό έτος, 90 ECTS, Μάστερ(MSc), Εξ Αποστάσεως)**

**IN ENGLISH:**

**Data Analytics (1 academic year, 90 ECTS, Master(MSc), E-Learning)**

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

**University of Central Lancashire Cyprus (UCLan - 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 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

**THE PROCEDURE:**

On 31-05-2021, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution University of Central Lancashire Cyprus (UCLan - 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 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 an on-site visit at the institution on 01/12/ 2021.

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 87<sup>th</sup> Summit on 14-11-2022, 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, the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report and the Feedback report from the External Evaluation Committee, **decided that the programme is accredited to be delivered in English.**

**According to the recommendations of the EEC and the decision of the Agency, the Institution should provide evidence and data confirming compliance with the following within 6 months and no later than the end of the spring semester 2022-2023:**

- 1. A thorough review of the program to ensure consistency of approach across the program in promoting student centred learning. A mapping of interactive activities against the LOs (Learning Consistent, Interactive, and Meaningful Task-Action) would help to achieve this consistency.**
- 2. The campus-based MSc programme cannot operate as an e-learning programme**
- 3. Rigorous internal reporting in terms of the pipeline year on year of students graduating and alumni for future data analysis (ESG 1.7)**
- 4. Review of the entry requirements and connection of teaching and learning with real-life challenges and experiences for Data Analytics in Business.**
- 5. Plan of professional development support in addition to the Erasmus+ opportunities and the webinars/seminars given by representatives of partner institutions.**
- 6. Recruitment planning that will lead to program growth**

The current accreditation begins in the Winter semester of the academic year **2022–2023** and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Fall semester of the academic year **2026–2027**.

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 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

Date: 6 / 12 / 2022