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## Higher Education Institution's Response

- **Higher Education Institution:**

Cyprus University of Technology and Hangzhou Dianzi University

- **Town: Lemesos**

- **Programme of study  
Name (Duration, ECTS, Cycle)**

**In Greek:**

Μεταπτυχιακό Επιστήμης της Ηλεκτρονικής και της Τεχνολογίας

**In English:**

Master of Science in Electronic Science and  
Technology

- **Language(s) of instruction: English**

- **Programme's status: New**

- **Concentrations (if any):**

**In Greek:** Concentrations

**In English:** Concentrations



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## A. Guidelines on content and structure of the report

- *The Higher Education Institution (HEI) based on the External Evaluation Committee's (EEC's) evaluation report (Doc.300.1.1 or 300.1.1/1 or 300.1.1/2 or 300.1.1/3 or 300.1.1/4) must justify whether actions have been taken in improving the quality of the programme of study in each assessment area. The answers' documentation should be brief and accurate and supported by the relevant documentation. Referral to annexes should be made only when necessary.*
- *In particular, under each assessment area and by using the 2<sup>nd</sup> column of each table, the HEI must respond on the following:*
  - *the areas of improvement and recommendations of the EEC*
  - *the conclusions and final remarks noted by the EEC*
- *The institution should respond to the EEC comments, in the designated area next each comment. The comments of the EEC should be copied from the EEC report **without any interference** in the content.*
- *In case of annexes, those should be attached and sent on separate document(s). Each document should be in \*.pdf format and named as annex1, annex2, etc.*

## 1. Study programme and study programme's design and development (ESG 1.1, 1.2, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9)

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CUT and HDU may want to create various effective communication mechanisms between the faculty members who deliver the courses, between the staff and the students on the courses, and also between the two universities for better coordination.	Indeed, due to the long distance this is one of the most challenging aspects of the MSc. To address this, the MSc Coordinators will use a collaboration platform (e.g., Whaller) to allow for constant communication and sharing between the staff and the students. Since the CUT-side teaching staff will visit HDU every year for delivering the courses, some face-to-face meeting will be organized as well.	Choose an item.
The two universities may also want to create a joint exam board, where the delivery of the programme is closely monitored and the assessments of the courses on the programme are carefully moderated.	The course delivery and assessment will take place at HDU and all the exam papers, exam methods, and marks will be handled at HDU by both HDU and CUT faculty. The MSc will create a joint exam board to monitor and moderate the process.	Choose an item.
it is important to ensure that there is no severe overlapping or gap between these courses	The Coordinators have reviewed the syllabus provided by the teaching staff and made amendments to minimize the overlap. Any significant overlap identified during the delivery of the MSc will be reported to the JMC and the courses will be amended accordingly.	Choose an item.

## 2. Student – centred learning, teaching and assessment (ESG 1.3)

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Given, however, the different traditions of the two cooperating institutions in terms of evaluation, it is necessary to adopt specific common procedures for the evaluation of the proposed program in both sides	The Coordinators will put together templates for the evaluation for both teachers and students that need to be first approved by the Internal Quality Committees at both universities. The long experience from both universities will guide to make a uniformly acceptable reporting mechanism.	Choose an item.
a stronger connection with industry, perhaps though performing some of the Theses in collaboration with industry, could offer the students useful insights on industry practices	While it is not always possible to have joint industrial-driven theses or placements, the MSc will set it as a priority through the links we have to industry, both in Cyprus and China.	Choose an item.
The program could invite well-known Professors and researchers to give lectures, could participate in joint international research projects between Cyprus and China and other forms of cooperation	During second and third year, the program will organize a minimum of six invited lectures from people in industry and academia on diverse and novel topics in the area of electronics.	Choose an item.

### 3. Teaching staff (ESG 1.5)

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The EEC recommends the development of a systematic central support from the JMC, regarding to staff induction and staff development	The Coordinators will develop and introduce a standardized recruitment, induction, and development strategy. This will be done with the preparation of common reporting forms and induction material, approved by the JMC.	Choose an item.

#### 4. Student admission, progression, recognition and certification (ESG 1.4)

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<p>The departments may want to strengthen their marketing efforts and build more concrete plans for increasing the cohort size in the future.</p>	<p>he Coordinators, under the supervision of the JMC, will undertake to prepare a complete marketing and communication profile for the program and monitor the engagement on the various platforms. Some of the specific aspects that will be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preparation of website available in English, Greek, and Chinese. Significant contributions and successful alumni will be featured to attract more applications.</li> <li>2. Preparation of accounts on Facebook, LinkedIn, and WeChat for communication with students and alumni.</li> <li>3. Participation in university recruitment events.</li> </ol>	<p>Choose an item.</p>



## 5. Learning resources and student support (ESG 1.6)

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It is highly recommended to ensure to have the teaching resources that can and will go to China to teach for the required periods.	The current academic staff is committed in participated to the program. It will be necessary to include the requirement in future recruitment efforts and use the program resources to ensure the timely replacement of teaching staff.	Choose an item.



## 6. Additional for doctoral programmes (ALL ESG)

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		Choose an item.

## 7. Eligibility (Joint programme) (ALL ESG)

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As one of the visions of this joint program is to “train future leaders” it could be considered to offer a specific course on management and leadership	CUT runs every year summer training on entrepreneurship, leadership, IP rights, and more for young researchers. The program will make the participation to this 1-week-long training mandatory.	Choose an item.
A focus on close collaboration between the master thesis supervisors from both parties during the two-year thesis (first year of the thesis is in Cyprus and second year is in China).	The thesis topics will be selected carefully beforehand, during the first year of the program. The master thesis supervisors will be requested to submit a description of the proposed project as well as a brief plan of the work, including the supervisory schedule.	Choose an item.



## B. Conclusions and final remarks

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