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Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation
in Higher Education (CYQAA)
Lemesou Avenue 5, 2112, Lefkosia Cyprus

Subject: Confirmation of Compliance with CYQAA Council Recommendations – Civil Engineering and Sustainable Design Program

Dear Prof. Charalambous,

Following the CYQAA Council's decision communicated on 8 May 2025 regarding the deferral of accreditation for the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Sustainable Design (CESD), we are pleased to confirm that all requested actions have been completed in preparation for the planned launch of the program in September 2026. Below is a summary of the measures implemented in response to the points raised by the Council.

- a) **Recruitment of Academic Staff:** AUB Mediterraneo published an international advertisement for tenure-track faculty positions in Civil Engineering and Sustainable Design in November 2025. A copy of the recruitment advertisement and link to the posting are included in **Appendix I**. Following a series of online interviews, then in person on site visits and presentations by short listed candidates, the search committee identified two highly qualified candidates whose appointments have been approved by the University's Board of Deans and Rector, and have received final administrative confirmation:

- Dr. Charalampos Konstantinou, currently a part-time faculty member at the University and appointed to join in a full-time capacity in Fall 2026; and
- Dr. Nikolas Makasis, appointed to begin in Spring 2027

Their curricula vitae are provided in **Appendix II**. Together with AUB Mediterraneo's existing full-time faculty who teach the required mathematics, basic science, and computer science courses for the CESD program, these appointments will provide all staffing needed for the first two years of the program (for faculty profiles and course assignments, see the [CESD program page](#), which will be updated with Dr. Konstantinou and Dr. Makasis's profiles upon hire). Recruitment for faculty required for Years 3 and 4 will commence in academic year 2026-27, and all related advertisements and appointments will be shared with the Agency.

- b) **Installation of Laboratory Facilities:** The laboratory facilities required for the CESD program have now been fully established and equipped. A dedicated **Materials and Hydraulics Testing Laboratory** has been created to support instruction in construction materials, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering, hydraulics and related design courses. The laboratory includes a comprehensive range of testing and measurement equipment, enabling students to apply theoretical

knowledge in practical, real-world contexts. A complete inventory of equipment is provided in **Appendix III**, and photographs of the installed laboratory are included in **Appendix IV**. These facilities are complemented by AUB Mediterraneo's state-of-the-art **computer laboratories**, which provide the computational infrastructure necessary to support instruction, design, simulation, programming, and research activities. One computer laboratory is fully operational, and a second fully equipped laboratory is currently being set up and will be ready well before the start of the Fall 2026 term. Documentation of the procurement and installation of the equipment for the second computer laboratory is provided in **Appendix V**.

- c) **Information to Students Regarding ETEK Pathways:** This matter was addressed our previous response to the External Evaluation Committee and has been incorporated into the revised curriculum. The CESD program has been modified to meet the minimum requirements established by ETEK with respect to core courses, elective offerings, and laboratory components. These requirements are satisfied by all students within the standard 244 ECTS curriculum.

We trust that this response demonstrates AUB Mediterraneo's full compliance with the requirements set forth by the CYQAA Council in its letter dated 8 May 2025. We remain committed to maintaining the highest standards of academic quality and ensuring that the CESD program is fully prepared for successful implementation in September 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information or documentation.

With best regards,

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