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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:

Τεχνητή Νοημοσύνη(3 ακαδημαϊκά εξάμηνα, 90-102 ECTS, Μάστερ)

IN ENGLISH:

Artificial Intelligence (3 academic semesters, 90-102 ECTS, Master)

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION
University of 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 12 November 2021, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution 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 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 27 January 2022.

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 79th Summit on 21st of February 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.**

According to the recommendations of the EEC and the decision of the Agency, the Institution should provide evidence and data confirm compliance with the following, no later than the end of the Fall semester 2023-2024:

1. Recruitment of a new academic staff in AI with emphasis on machine learning
2. Set up a mentoring system credited with ECTS (micro credentials) for the young researchers that will be recruited in the academic positions vacated by existing senior staff ways.
3. Provide opportunities to PhD students to acquire some teaching experience credited with ECTS (micro credentials).
4. Selection of visiting professors that are not limited to those speaking Greek
5. Recruitment of a staff member whose research area is on ethics of AI.

The current accreditation begins in the Fall semester of the academic year 2022 –23 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Spring 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

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