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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:**

Ρυθμιστικές Κανονιστικές Υποθέσεις Φαρμάκων (1.5 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 90 ECTS, Μάστερ, Εξ αποστάσεως)

**IN ENGLISH:**

Drug Regulatory Affairs (1.5 academic years, 90 ECTS, Master of Science, E-Learning)

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

University of Nicosia

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 the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution “University of Nicosia”, 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:

**IN GREEK:**

Φαρμακορρύθμιση-Κανονιστικές Υποθέσεις (1.5 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 90 ECTS, Μάστερ, Εξ αποστάσεως)

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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 the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

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 107<sup>th</sup> Summit on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2024, 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 with the following change of the name of the programme in Greek:**

**Ρυθμιστικές Κανονιστικές Υποθέσεις Φαρμάκων (1.5 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 90 ECTS, Μάστερ, Εξ αποστάσεως)**

Additionally, the Agency requires from the Institution **within the Fall Semester 2024-2025** to comply with the following recommendations:

- Proceed with the update of its website with regards to the content of the programme.
- Adapt a formal process for the peer review of teaching staff performance.
- Proceed with the increase of permanent staff teaching in the programme.

According to the Agency's announcement, dated 29 September 2020, institutions offering Bachelor and Master's degree level programmes, should employ permanent academic Staff/Full-time staff in the field of teaching and research, whose members must hold a PhD and have research experience in a subject related to their teaching subject and have similar experience. (<https://www.dipae.ac.cy/index.php/el/nea-ekdiloseis/anakoinoseis-el/545-29-09-2020-monimo-kai-plirous-apascholis-s>)

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- Encourage students who may want to proceed with a PhD degree in other European countries, to engage in the writing of a thesis. Also provide clear information to them about the potential consequences in case they decide not to do a thesis.
- Enhance the interactive activities in all courses of the programme with scenarios, problem solving and gamifications.

The current accreditation begins in the **Fall** semester of the academic year **2024-2025** and ceases to be in effect at the end of the **Spring** semester of the academic year **2028-2029**.

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: 27 May 2024