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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:

Διατροφή και Διαιτολογία (3 ακαδημαϊκά χρόνια, 180 ECTS, Διδακτορικό)

IN ENGLISH:

Nutrition and Dietetics (3 academic years, 180 ECTS, Doctor of Philosophy)

**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 June 2020, 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:

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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 5 July 2021.

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 75th Summit on 16 November 2021, 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 Greek and English.**

The Agency requests the Institution to comply with the following requirements, within a period of six months:

- **Proceed to the establishment of an internship scheme for student's placement in the sector.**
- **Intensify efforts for student involvement in quality assurance procedures via incentive provision for participating in evaluation procedures (i.e via questionnaires)**
- **Present reliable statistical information regarding the student's progress according to ESG 1.7**
- **CYQAA considers that recruitment of external examiners would be a good practice**
- **Provide support and incentive for research on behalf of the faculty and the students.**

- **Set procedures to support the research activity of students who are in PhD level study programs. On the basis of EQF, institutions must pay special attention to specialized academic / scientific knowledge and to the development of PhD candidates' capacity for research activity based on innovation, autonomy and academic integrity**
- **apply pre-defined and published regulations covering all phases of the student “life cycle”, e.g. student admission, progression, recognition and certification according to ESG 1.4**

The current accreditation begins in the Spring semester of the academic year 2022-2023 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Fall semester of the academic year 2027-2028.

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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