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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:

Μηχανικός Υπολογιστών(3 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 240 ECTS, Διδακτορικό(PhD))

IN ENGLISH:

Computer Engineering (3 academic years, 240 ECTS, Doctorate (PhD))

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 28/06/2019, 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 two remote visits at the institution on the 23rd and 24th of May 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 85th Summit on 19 September 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 Greek/English.**

According to the recommendations of the EEC and the decision of the Agency, the Institution should provide evidence and data confirming compliance with the following:

- 1. Continue the current practise of encouraging doctoral students to spend time abroad, funded by various EU programmes, and intensify efforts to make joint degrees with foreign institutions possible.**
- 2. Efforts to increase the academic staff to 25 or more should continue, as this will create a broader and richer research environment for PhD students and increase the likelihood that students will be able to find other faculty members to informally discuss and advise on their projects.**
- 3. The programme should be reviewed regularly, taking into account feedback from academic staff, students, external local industry experts and professional bodies.**

The current accreditation begins in the Fall semester of the academic year **2022 –2023** 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

Date: 19 October 2022