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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:

“Φυσικοθεραπεία (3-8 Έτη/180 ECTS, Διδακτορικό)”

IN ENGLISH:

“Physiotherapy (3-8 Years/180 ECTS, Doctor of Philosophy)”

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION
European University 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 29 November 2020, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution European University 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 an on-site visit at the institution on **28 and 29 March 2022**.

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 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, the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report and the Feedback Report, **decided that the programme is accredited**. **The Agency requires the Institution to comply by the end of the Fall Semester 2022-2023 with the following:**

- **Upgrade the infrastructure for Physiotherapy labs and enrich equipment to be up to date.**
- **Proceed to the appointment of laboratory support.**
- **Apply alternative teaching strategies such as learning through problem solving, exercises in small groups where students teach other students, etc**
- **Develop a more structured strategy and vision towards research.**
- **To collaborate with professional bodies for the enhancement of bonds with the labour market**

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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Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

23 September 2022