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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**

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IN ENGLISH: Computer Science with concentrations: (a) Cyber Security, (b) Mobile Systems, (c) Blockchain Technologies (1.5 academic years, 90 ECTS), Μάστερ (MSc)

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 (No. 2) 2020 [N.136 (I)/2015 to 138 (I)/2020].

THE PROCEDURE:

On 29/11/2019, 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 2020, 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 **8th and 9th of April, 2021**.

The EEC **remotely** met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the programme's coordinator, members of the academic staff, and 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 in other programmes of study.

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 68th Summit on **14th and 15th of June 2021**, 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 (No 2) 2020 [N.136 (I)/2015 to 138 (I)/2020, and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, and the comments of the institution on the report and the feedback from the External Evaluation Committee, **decided that the programme is accredited to be delivered in English Language.**

According to the recommendations of the EEC and the decision of the Agency, the Institution is required, within six months and no later than **2nd of January 2022**, to provide evidence and data confirming compliance with the following:

1. Dropout rates and graduation percentages in the relation with the enrolments

The current accreditation begins in the **Fall semester** of the academic year **2021-2022** and ceases to be in effect at the end of the **Spring semester** of the academic year **2025-2026**.

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) (f) 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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