

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF A DECISION OF THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL
on the results of an evaluation conducted under a *programme accreditation* procedure for
professional field 1.1. *Theory and Management of Education*, area of higher education 1.
Educational Sciences, at the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo**

The procedure was opened at a session of the Accreditation Council on 25 January 2024 at the request of the higher education institution. The Expert Group, endorsed by the Accreditation Council on 25 April 2024, visited the evaluated institution in the period 19–21 June 2024 and inspected the submitted procedure documentation.

At a meeting held on 9 September 2024, the Standing Committee on Educational Sciences and Social Activities adopted the report of the Expert Group and, based on it, prepared a report on the results of the completed programme accreditation. The report of the Standing Committee contains **findings and assessments on the compliance of the presented evidence with the criteria system for the implemented procedure, in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) – part 1 (1–10), and within the meaning of Art. 78, para. 3 of the HEA.**

On **13 February 2025** the Accreditation Council endorsed the report of the Standing Committee pursuant to Art. 81, para. 3 of the HEA, and took a vote using the ten-point grading system provided for in Art. 78, para. 6 of the HEA, and based on the Rules for assessment and voting in procedures for evaluation, accreditation and post-accreditation control, adopted by NEAA.

After summarizing the results of the vote, the Accreditation Council took the following **DECISION:**

1. Awards programme accreditation to professional field 1.1. *Theory and Management of Education*, area of higher education 1. Educational Sciences, at the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, based on an overall grade of 9.06 (nine point zero six), for educational and qualification degree “Master” in:

- “Educational Management” – full-time, part-time, and distance learning forms of study.

2. The term of validity of the accreditation is until the next programme accreditation according to Art. 81, para. 2 of the HEA, and the Schedule for Accreditation of Professional Fields.

3. Determines the total capacity of the professional field at 90 students.

The Accreditation Council made the following **recommendations:**

1. Strictly adhere to the capacity endorsed by NEAA.

Deadline: permanent

2. Revise the training documentation for distance learning – syllabi and curricula – to align with the provisions of the Ordinance on the State Requirements for Organizing Distance Learning in Higher Education Institutions and the NEAA Criteria for evaluation of distance learning.

Deadline: September 2025

3. Increase the number of practical training hours for part-time and distance learning forms of study.

Deadline: September 2025

4. Involve faculty members in outgoing mobility under international programmes.

Deadline: permanent

5. Intensify faculty participation in national and international projects.

Deadline: permanent

6. Expand the scope of pedagogical practice by concluding contracts with various types of educational institutions – kindergarten, school; organizations and centres for work with children.

Deadline: September 2025

The overall verbal assessment corresponding to the assigned numerical one is: full compliance.

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