



CLASS: 602-04/21-04/0002
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Zagreb, 15 July 2021

Pursuant to Article 7 Paragraph 2 of the Ordinance on Cross-border Evaluation (CLASS: 003-05/20-02/0003; FILE NUMBER: 355-01-20-0001, dated 3 July 2020) (hereinafter: The Ordinance), and pursuant to Article 4 of the Act on Quality Assurance in Science and Higher Education (Official Gazette, number 45/09), on 29 June 2021, the Accreditation Council of the Agency for Science and Higher Education (hereinafter: the Accreditation Council) passed on its 128th session the following:

OPINION

1. The Accreditation Council hereby adopts the final report of the expert panel in the procedure of programme accreditation of the study programme Journalism MA, delivered by the Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (IAPM), 03039 Kyiv, Frometivska St, 2, Ukraine, dated 11 May 2021, which includes the **concluding recommendation of the expert panel that the said study programme does not meet the conditions for issuance of an accreditation certificate.**

2. The study programme Journalism MA, delivered by the Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (IAPM) is **not awarded the Accreditation Certificate.**

Rationale:

At the request of the Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (IAPM), the Agency for Science and Higher Education (hereinafter: the Agency) conducted an external evaluation (accreditation) outside the territory of the Republic of Croatia in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG), with the consent of the Agency's Management Board and the Accreditation Council, and after notifying the relevant state bodies.

The Agency and the Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (IAPM) mutually determined and defined the manner of implementation and the external evaluation procedure, as well as other issues of importance for the implementation of external evaluation procedure.

The Accreditation Council appointed an expert panel that carried out the external evaluation procedure via video-link in the period 20-21 April 2021. The expert panel drafted the final report on the basis of documentation analysis, and information gathered during the site visit and meetings with different representatives and stakeholders of the higher education institution. The final report contains basic information about the study programme, a detailed analysis of each standard, recommendations for improvement and quality grade of each standard, the final



recommendation of the expert panel and annexes (summary of quality grades by each assessment area and standard, and site visit protocol).

The final recommendation of the expert committee is that the said study programme does not meet the conditions for issuance of an accreditation certificate.

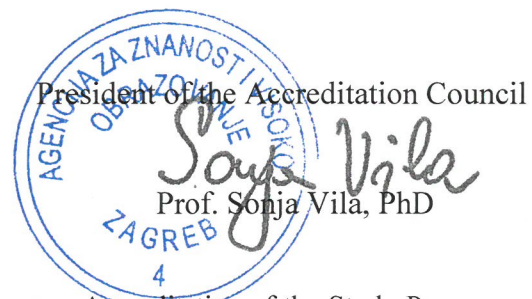
The rationale for the final recommendation of the expert panel is included in the final report.

The higher education institution submitted its official statement to the final report.

Based on the expert panel's final report and HEI's official statement, and taking into consideration the opinion and analysis of the expert panel included in the final report, as well as the final recommendation of the expert panel that the said study programme does not meet the conditions for issuance of an accreditation certificate, the Accreditation Council has at its 128th session, held on 29 June 2021, issued an opinion that the negative final report be adopted, and that the said study programme is not awarded an accreditation certificate, i.e. it issued an opinion as stated in the dispositive part of this Opinion.

The final report of the expert panel is an integral part of this Opinion.

This opinion of the Accreditation Council is submitted to the evaluated higher education institution, which has the right to file a **written objection to the opinion of the Accreditation Council within 15 days from the day of receipt of the opinion**. An objection can be filed for substantial violations of the accreditation rules which have or could have rendered inaccurate the opinion of the Accreditation Council. New facts or evidence that was not presented during the site visit of the expert panel cannot be presented within the objection. The objection is submitted to the Agency for Science and Higher Education, Donje Svetice 38, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia, indicating "For the Complaints Committee".



Attached:

1. Report of the Expert Panel in the Procedure of Programme Accreditation of the Study Programme Journalism MA

Deliver to:

1. Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (IAPM), for the attention of President, dr. Rostislav Schokin, 03039 Kiev, Frometivska str. 2, Ukraine
2. Archive.