

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on social and legal sciences, security and defence on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a professional field 3.5 Public communications and information sciences, an area higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences at the American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on social and legal sciences, security and defence on 05.07.2017 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council to NEAA as of 07.09.2017, inspected the evaluated institution in the period 23 – 24.10.2017.

At a meeting held on 29.11.2017, the Standing Committee adopted the report of the expert panel and on its basis prepared a decision on the results of the completed programme accreditation. The decision **stipulates findings and assessments regarding the compliance of the evidence submitted with the criteria system in the implemented procedure, and 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 (Table 4). The Standing Committee used the 10-point assessment system provided for in Art. 79, para. 1 of the HEA and the rating scale of ENQA.**

After summarising the results from voting on the basis of the adopted by the Accreditation Council to NEAA "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics took the following **DECISIONS** on **29.11.2017:**

1. Awards programme accreditation to of a professional field 3.5 Public communications and information sciences, an area higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences at the American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad on the grounds of an overall assessment on the criteria of 9.15 (nine points fifteen hundredths) for an education and qualification degree (EQD)

Bachelor of:

- " Journalism and mass communication " – full-time training;

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years, according to art. 79 (4) of the Higher Education Act.

3. Determines the capacity of a professional field 3.5 Public communications and information sciences at the American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad v, as follows:

for EQD ‘Bachelor’ - 100 students (full-time training);

Total for the professional field: 100 students.

The Standing Committee on social and legal sciences, security and defence made the following **recommendations:**

1. To develop the relations of the professional field with the academic community in the country. Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

2. In the competitions for the selection of academic staff, irrespective of the nationality of the candidate, a uniform procedure should be applied which takes into account the requirements both of the Bulgarian legislation and of the American legislation. Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

Chairperson of the SCSLSSD
(Prof. Dr Goshu Petkov)