

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on economic sciences and management on the results of the completed evaluation under a programme accreditation procedure of a professional field 3.8 "Economics" at the American University in Bulgaria - Blagoevgrad

The procedure was opened by the Standing Committee on economic sciences and management on 10.10.2018 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council on 07.03.2019, carried out a review of the evaluated institution in the period from 04.04.2019 to 06.04.2019.

At a meeting held on 05.07.2019, the Standing Committee adopted the Expert panel's report and, based on it, 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 of the voting on the basis of the "Rules for voting on procedures for accreditation and project evaluation" adopted by the Accreditation Council of NEAA, the Standing Committee on economic sciences and management took the following **DECISION on 18.09.2019:**

1. Awards programme accreditation to a professional field 3.8 "Economics" at the American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad on the grounds of an overall assessment of 9.32 (nine thirty-two hundredths), as follows:

for EQD "Bachelor" in:

2. The period of validity of the accreditation shall be SIX years, in accordance with Art. 79, para. 4 of the HEA.

3. Determines a capacity for a professional 3.8 "Economics" at the American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad for EQD "Bachelor" - 200 students (a full-time form of training)

Total for the professional field: 200 students.

The Standing Committee on economic sciences and management formulated the following **recommendations**:

1. To increase the publishing activity of the faculty on the issues of the professional field in refereed and indexed editions.

Deadline: permanent

2. To enhance the participation of the faculty in professional forums.

Deadline: permanent

3. To institutionalize a specialized collective body for continuous coordination, evaluation and control of the functioning of the internal quality assurance system.

Deadline: the beginning of 2020/2021 academic year

The overall verbal assessment according to the numerical score obtained is **full compliance**

Chairperson of the SCESM

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