

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics on the results of the completed evaluation under a programme accreditation procedure of a professional field 4.5 Mathematics, an area of higher education 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics at the American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad

The procedure was opened by the Standing Committee on Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics on 03.06.2019 at the request of the higher school. The Expert Panel, approved by the Accreditation Council on 24.10.2019, reviewed the evaluated institution in the period from 06.11.2019 to 08.11.2019.

At a meeting held on 16.12.2019, 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 resolution **stipulates findings and assessments regarding the compliance of the evidence submitted with the criteria system in the implemented procedure, and following 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 based on the "Rules for voting on procedures for accreditation and project evaluation" adopted by the Accreditation Council of NEAA, the Standing Committee on Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics took the following **DECISION** on **20.01.2020**:

- 1. Awards programme accreditation to a professional field 4.5 Mathematics, an area of higher education 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics at the American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad on the grounds of an overall assessment of 9.38 (nine and thirty-eight hundredths).**
- 2. The period of validity of the accreditation shall be SIX years, according to Art. 79, para. 4 of the HEA.**
- 3. Determines the capacity of professional field 4.5 Mathematics at the**

**American University in Bulgaria – Blagoevgrad to be 60 students for EQD
"Bachelor" in a full-time form of training**

4. The Standing Committee on Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics have made the following **recommendations**:

1. To expand the list of elective courses by including different branches of mathematics.

Deadline: August 2021

2. To increase the number of habilitated lecturers from different specialities in the professional field 4.5 Mathematics.

Deadline: August 2023

**Chairperson of the SCNSMI
Prof. Dr Maria Shishinyova**