

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 4.6 Informatics and Computer Science, 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 22.07.2019 at the request of the higher school. The Expert Panel, approved by the Accreditation Council on 13.02.2020, reviewed the evaluated institution in the period from 11.03.2020 to 13.03.2020.

At a meeting held on 15.06.2020, 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 **13.07.2020**.

1. Awards programme accreditation to a professional field 4.6 Informatics and Computer Science, 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 9.19 (nine and nineteen hundredths), as follows:

For EQD "Bachelor"- a full-time form of training:

- *Computer Science*
- *Information Systems*

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 4.6 Informatics and Computer Science at the American University in Bulgaria - Blagoevgrad to be, as follows:

- for EQD "Bachelor"– 200 students in a full-time form of training

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

1. To increase the percentage of incoming student mobility in the field, given the existence of a sound system of training courses in English.

Deadline: permanent

2. To enhance the publishing activity of the students by stimulating their participation in student and other scientific forums.

Deadline: permanent

3. To increase the number of teachers on a primary employment contract in the professional field.

Deadline: June 2021.

Chairperson of the SCNSMI
Prof. Dr Maria Shishinyova

