

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ON A DECISION OF THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

#### **on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for institutional accreditation of the American University in Bulgaria - Blagoevgrad**

The procedure was opened by the Accreditation Council on 01.12.2016 at the request of the higher school. The expert panel, established by the Accreditation Council as of 16.02.2017 inspected the evaluated institution in the period **19.03.2017 - 23.03.2017**

At a meeting held on 05.07.2017, the Standing Committee on Economic Sciences and Management adopted the report of the Expert Group and, based on it, prepared a report on the results of the evaluation under the institutional accreditation procedure.

The Standing Committee's report **reflects findings and assessments on the compliance of the evidence submitted with the Criteria of the Procedure, in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) - Part 1 / 1-10 /; within the meaning of Art. 77, para. 2 of the HEA / Table 1 /.**

On 07.09.2017 the Accreditation Council approved the report of the Standing Committee and voted on the ten-point system of assessment, regulated in Art. 79, para. 1 of the HEA and the rating scale of ENQA.

After summarizing the results of the voting on the basis of the "Voting rules for accreditation and project assessment procedures" adopted by the Accreditation Council of NEAA, the Accreditation Council took the following **DECISION**:

**1. Awards institutional accreditation to the American University in Bulgaria - Blagoevgrad on the grounds of an overall assessment under the criteria of 9.09 (nine point nine hundredths).**

**2. The term of validity of the accreditation is 6 (six) years, according to Art. 79, para. 4 of the Higher Education Act.**

**3. Determine a capacity of the higher education institution of 2000 students.**

The Accreditation Council formulates the following **recommendations**:

- 1. To develop and adopt a Code of Ethics for the entire academic community at the university and establish a single ethics committee. Deadline: March 2018**
- 2. To review and update the Business Administration curriculum for senior managers in MBA, providing for hours of self-employment for students to provide the total employment allocated to the University for the Award of a single credit. Deadline: the end of 2017**
- 3. To review and update the courses in the curriculum of the Bachelor's degree programmes, including a sports subject for the students according to the requirements of the Physical Education and Sports Act. Deadline: the end of 2017**
- 4. To ensure publicity of the results of external audits related to the quality of training at the university. Deadline: permanent**

**President of NEAA**

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