EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on Pedagogical Sciences and Social Activity on the results of the evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme "Social policies and social work" in a professional field 3.4. Social activity at Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”

The procedure was opened by the Standing Committee on Pedagogical Sciences and Social Activity on 08.06.2015 at the request of the higher school. The expert panel, established by the Accreditation Council as of 17.03.2016, inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 20.04.2016 to 21.04.2016.

At a meeting held on 13.06.2016, the Standing Committee adopted the report of the expert panel and on its basis prepared a decision on the results from the completed programme accreditation. The decision reflected assessments and observations about the consistency of the evidence with the criteria system for the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (academic activities, academia, scientific potential and scientific results, availability of material and informational conditions for productive research and creative achievements in the Ph.D. programme and competitiveness of the doctoral programme), the Standing Committee applied the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal assessments on the criteria are prevailing "substantial compliance" and availability of "full compliance" respectively and are in compliance with estimates and relevance of art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.

After summarizing 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 Pedagogical Sciences and Social Activity took the following decisions on 06.07.2016:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme “Social policies and social work” from professional field 3.4. Social activity at Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” on the grounds of an overall assessment: 8.88 (eight point eighty-eight hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is FIVE years, according to Art. 79, para. 4 of the Higher Education Act.

The Standing Committee on Pedagogical Sciences and Social Activity made the following recommendations:

1. To attract/award with an academic rank lecturers for scientific tutors in professional field 3.4. Social activities and for training in the doctoral programme. Deadline: 2019

2. To increase the publication activity of lecturers in the doctoral programme abroad and in refereed journals, specifically focused on the problems of professional field 3.4. Social activities: Deadline: 2020.

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