

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme " Operations Research " in a professional field 4.5 Mathematics from an area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at South-West University "Neofite Rilski" - Blagoevgrad

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics on 19.10.2015 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 25.02.2016, inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 25.05.2016 to 27.05.2016.

At a meeting held on 11.07.2016, the Standing Committee adopted the report of the expert panel and on its basis prepared a decision on the results of the completed programme accreditation. The decision reflected **assessments and observations about the consistency of the evidence provided with the criteria system for the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (academic activities, academic environment, scientific potential and research results, availability of material and information conditions for productive research and creative achievements in the doctoral programme and competitiveness of the doctoral programme) the Standing Committee applied the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal assessments on the criteria are "substantial compliance" and "full compliance" respectively and are in compliance and relevance with estimates under 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 natural sciences, mathematics and informatics took the following **DECISIONS** on **26.07.2016**:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme "Operations Research" in a professional field 4.5 Mathematics from an area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at South-West University "Neofite Rilski" - Blagoevgrad on the grounds of an overall assessment on the criteria of 9.07 (nine point seven hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years, pursuant to art. 79 (4) of the Higher Education Act.

The Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics made the following **recommendations**:

1. Documentation relating to the training of each PhD student should have an electronic version.
Deadline: permanent.

2. Conditions should be created for the promotion and attraction of doctoral students at SWU on the basis of the specific characteristics of the doctoral programme "Operations Research". Deadline: permanent.

Chairperson of SCNSMI:

Prof. Dr Maria Shishinyova

