EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee of Technical Sciences on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme “Communication networks and systems” in a professional field 5.3 Communication and computer equipment at Russe University “Angel Kanchev”

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences on 09.01.2015 at the request of the higher school – ref. № 918/18.12.2014. The Expert Panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 07.04.2016, inspected the institution under evaluation from, 11.05 to 14.05.2016 inclusive.

At a meeting held on 17.06.2016, 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 observations about the compliance of the evidence found with the criteria system on the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (educational activity, academic environment, material and informational conditions for productive research and creative achievements and competitiveness of the doctoral programme), the Standing Committee used the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal assessments on criteria are "substantial compliance" and "full compliance" respectively and comply with estimates and relevance of art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.

After summarizing the results of voting according to “Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects”, adopted by the Accreditation Council of NEAA, the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences made the following decision on 17.06.2016:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme “Communication networks and systems” in a professional field 5.3 “Communication and computer equipment” at Russe University “Angel Kanchev” on the grounds of an overall assessment: 9.38 (nine point thirty-eight hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years.

The Standing Committee on Technical Sciences made the following recommendations:

1. To create profiles of scientific tutors and graduate students in specialized WEB-based platforms to promote and commercialize the results of the research. Deadline: within 6 months

2. It is recommended that the lecturers and PhD students from the faculty to make a profile in Googar Scholar in order to obtain an objective and accurate information on the number of citations of their scientific papers. Deadline: within 6 months

Chairman of SCTS

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