ANNOTATION REGARDING DECISION

Of the Standing Committee on Economic Sciences and Management regarding the evaluation results arising from the Programme Accreditation Procedure of the Doctoral Programme in Political Economy from professional field 3.8 Economics at Ruse University “Angel Kanchev”

The procedure was opened by the Standing Committee on Economic Sciences and Management on 18.06.2014 at the request of the University. The Expert Panel approved by the AC on the 02.10.2014 and 09.04.2015 carried out an assessment of the institution under evaluation in the period from the 20.05.2015 till the 22.05.2015. During the meeting, which took place on the 28.07.2015, the Committee approved the report of the Expert Panel and as a result of the findings of the report issued a decision relating to the Programme Accreditation Procedure under review. The decision reflects the findings and assessment relating to the conformity of the presented evidence with the criteria under the procedure. In evaluating the criteria measures in the activities under review (education, academics, scientific potential and results, existence of facilities and information resources to support research and artistic accomplishment of doctoral students and ensure the programme’s competitiveness), the Standing Committee used the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal evaluations of the criteria measures are “significant conformity” and “full conformity” respectively and are in combination and correlation with evaluations under Art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.

After summarizing the results of the vote based on the Voting Rules for Accreditation and Project Evaluation Procedures adopted by the NEAA Accreditation Council, on 02.09.2015 the Standing Committee on Economic Sciences and Management took the following DECISIONS:

1. It grants programme accreditation to the Doctoral Programme in Political Economy from professional field 3.8 Economics at Ruse University “Angel Kanchev” on the basis of the overall assessment of 8.84 (eight point eighty four).
2. The accreditation period is five years in accordance with Article 79 (para 4, point 1) of the Higher Education Act.

The Standing Committee issues the following recommendation:

1. Specify the dissertation titles in accordance with the academic area of the Doctoral Programme in Production Organization and Management (Industry).
   Period: permanent
2. Take fuller advantage of opportunities for doctoral students’ mobility.
   Period: permanent.

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