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 doctoral programme “Theory of education and didactics” in professional field 1.2. Pedagogy at the Pedagogical faculty of Rousse University "Angel Kanchev"

The procedure has been considered and opened by the Standing Committee on Pedagogical Sciences at a meeting dated 20.01.2015 at the request of the higher school. The expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 15.10.2015, inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 16.11.2015 to 18.11.2015.

At a meeting held on 09.02.2016, the members of 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 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, 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 Pedagogical Sciences and Social Activity took the following DECISION on 15.03.2016:

1. Awards programme accreditation to doctoral programme “Theory of education and didactics” in professional field 1.2. Pedagogy at the Pedagogical faculty of Rousse University "Angel Kanchev" on the ground of an overall assessment: 9.42 (nine point forty-two hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years, according to Art. 79, para. 4 of the Law on Higher Education.

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

1. To take further measures to inform PhD students about the existing possibilities for the provision of financial incentives for participation in conferences in the country and abroad. Deadline: December 2016

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3. To explore the opportunities to attract foreign PhD students. Deadline: December 2018

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