

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences on the results of the evaluation performed in a programme accreditation procedure for a doctoral programme "Machines and processes in the light industry" in a professional field 5.1 Machine Engineering at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski"

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences of 12.02.2016 at the request of the higher school. The expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 09.03.2017, inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 03.04 to 05.04.2017.

At a meeting held on 28.04.2017, 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 reflects **findings and assessments on the implementation of the requirements of the Criteria System in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) - Part 1 / 1-10 / and pursuant to Art. . 78, para. 3 of the HEA (Table 5). The Standing Committee used the 10-point assessment system provided for in Art. 79, para. 1 of the HEA and the rating scale of ENQA.**

After summarizing the results from voting on the basis of "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", adopted by the Accreditation Council of NEAA, the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences took the following **DECISION** on 28.04.2017:

- 1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme "Machines and processes in the light industry" in a professional field 5.1 Machine Engineering at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski" on the grounds of an overall assessment: 8.55 (eight point fifty-five).**
- 2. The period of validity of accreditation is FIVE years in accordance with Art. 79, para 4 of the HEA.**

The Standing Committee on Technical Sciences made the following **recommendations**:

1. To extend the participation of lecturers from the professional field in research projects.

Deadline: permanent with annual reporting.

2. To increase the publicity activity of the lecturers from the professional field.

Deadline: permanent with annual reporting.

The total verbal assessment according to the numeric score obtained is: full compliance.

Chairman of SCTS

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