

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 "Computer systems, complexes and networks" in a professional field 5.3 Communication and computer equipment at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski"

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences on 12.02.2016 at the request of the higher school. The Expert Panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 02.02.2017, inspected the institution under evaluation in the period from 27.02. to 01.03.2017.

At a meeting held on 27.04.2017, 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 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 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 27.04.2017:**

- 1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme "Computer systems, complexes and networks" in a professional field 5.3 Communication and computer equipment at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski" on the grounds of an overall assessment: 8.83 (eight , point eighty-three hundredths).**
- 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 make more active use of other sources of financial resources for the research and modernization of the material and technical facilities by broadening the contacts with business representatives that aim to support and finance the development of doctoral studies. Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

2. To compile and implement a programme for increasing the number of habilitated lecturers in the specialty "Computer systems, complexes and networks" in the training unit. Deadline: 2020

3. To identify measures to increase the percentage of successful PhD students. Deadline: 2018

4. To continue to acquire specialized literature and periodicals in the field of the doctoral program in the library of the South-West University "Neofit Rilski". Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

5. To enhance international cooperation and mobility under Erasmus + and conclude partnership contracts with other higher education institutions abroad. 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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