EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on social and legal sciences, security and defence on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme "Organization and management outside the sphere of material production (Foreign policy and multilevel governance in the European Union)" from the professional field 3.3 Political sciences, an area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences at Ruse University "Angel Kanchev"

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on social and legal sciences, security and defence on 25.11.2016 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 07.09.2017, inspected the evaluated institution in the period 21-22.10.2017.

At a meeting held on 12.03.2018, 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 stipulates findings and assessments regarding the compliance of the evidence submitted in the implemented procedure, and in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) - Part 1 / 1-10 / and within the meaning of 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 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 activities took the following DECISIONS on 12.03.2018:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme "Organization and management outside the sphere of material production (Foreign policy and multilevel governance in the European Union)" from the professional field 3.3 Political sciences, an area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences at Ruse University "Angel Kanchev" on the grounds of an overall assessment under the criteria of 9.06 (nine, point six hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years, according to art. 79 (4) of the Higher Education Act.

The Standing Committee on social and legal sciences, security and defence made the following recommendations:
1. To develop the academic staff of the doctoral programme by habilitation of new lecturers. Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

2. To stimulate PhD students to participate in Erasmus research projects and exchanges. Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

3. To adopt and disclose rules to combat plagiarism and to accept and discuss complaints from PhD students. Deadline: October 2018

Chairperson of the SCSLSSD
(Prof. Dr Gosho Petkov)