



Decision on the Evaluation of the University of Pécs for the Purpose of Institutional Accreditation

On the basis of the Standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015), the Hungarian Accreditation Committee has evaluated the conditions of training and academic research activities carried out at the University of Pécs. The evaluation included an audit of the core activities, operation, human resources, infrastructure and quality assurance system of the institution. The HAC has adopted the accreditation report, finalised with regard to the observations of the institution, by way of the following resolution. (The report has been annexed to the resolution.)

Decision 2018/2/VI/2 of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee

As a result of the institutional accreditation audit, the HAC grants accreditation to the University of Pécs for the period until **31 December 2022**, subject to continuous compliance with the accreditation criteria and an interim monitoring procedure to be carried out from September 2019, for which the institution is required to submit a report on its actions by 31 August 2019.

Reasoning:

On the basis of the on-site visit and the self-evaluation report submitted, it is concluded that

- the quality of the training provided by the University enables it to fulfil the role undertaken in its mission statement. It has a well-formulated strategy;
- its training offer is improved continuously, taking into account the national economic strategy, the needs of the private sector, the expectations of society and the local conditions of the University;
- it strives to address enrolment problems arising from the economic downturn in its region and other negative economic and social effects by significantly increasing the number of foreign students;
- its educational work in the field of organising training and supporting students is carried out in accordance with clearly defined and publicly available rules in the various training fields;
- it performs extensive basic and applied research in cooperation with the private sector, continuously exploiting research findings in training development.

A monitoring procedure is required for the following reasons:

The University has an outdated quality assurance system, which has not been substantially improved since 2011. Without the fundamental improvement of the quality assurance system, the management system of the institution cannot benefit from the functions that a QA system should provide to ensure the continuous improvement of operations and the coordination of the individual areas of operation.

The regulation of the system does not incorporate the essential elements required by the ESG 2015, and therefore it should be improved without delay.

Annex: HAC report on the evaluation of the institution for the purpose of institutional accreditation