PRESS RELEASE

Aristotle University Receives "Excellent" in Quality Evaluation by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education

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The Accreditation Council of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE) has decided to renew the certification of the Internal Quality Assurance System of Aristotle University for the next five years, confirming the Institution's full compliance with European quality standards.

According to the decision taken at the meeting held on 9 February 2026, the University's quality system is certified for the period from 9 February 2026 to 8 February 2031.

The certification was based on the Report of the External Evaluation and Accreditation Committee, which found that the University's Internal Quality Assurance System fully complies both with HAHE's Quality Standard and with the European principles of quality assurance in higher education.

Among the most significant points highlighted by the Committee are the well-established culture of quality at all levels of operation, the active participation of female and male students in evaluation processes, and the high level of transparency and public accountability.

The Report makes special reference to the Institution's strong characteristics, placing emphasis on its international outlook. It records strong integration of European quality standards, alignment of procedures with the ESG guidelines, development of international partnerships and networks, and the participation of international experts in evaluation processes. The Committee noted that Aristotle University's quality system substantially supports the Institution's international competitiveness and outward orientation.

As stated in the relevant letter to the Rectorate Authorities, the Council accepted the Committee's Report and congratulated the Institution for its "excellent response" to the accreditation process, while also underlining the importance of utilizing the recommendations for the continuous improvement of its operations.

The renewal of accreditation constitutes a critical indicator of reliability and international competitiveness, as it confirms that Aristotle University maintains effective mechanisms for monitoring and improving quality in education, research, and administrative procedures.

At the same time, this development strengthens the Institution's international standing, since compliance with European quality standards is a key prerequisite for developing partnerships, participating in international networks, and attracting students as well as research collaborations from abroad.

The Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, stated:
"The successful certification of the Internal Quality Assurance System of Aristotle University represents a particularly important international recognition for our Institution and confirms the systematic and collective effort we invest in continuously upgrading its operation.

The evaluation reflects the strong culture of quality established at all levels of the University, the transparency of our procedures, and our steady commitment to improving educational and research activities. The recognition of Aristotle University's international dimension, outward orientation, and alignment with European quality standards is particularly important, as these elements strengthen its position on the international academic map.

We will continue with the same consistency so that quality remains a fundamental pillar of development and Aristotle University maintains its leading role in Greek and European higher education."

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.