

Report on the Outcome of the Accreditation Procedure of the Joint Master's Programme "Efficient and Sustainable Energy, Transport and Mobility to Build the Smart Cities of the Future (UlysseusCitiesMD)" by MCI GmbH, conducted in cooperation with University of Seville (Spain), Université Côte d'Azur (France), University of Genova (Italy), Technical University of Košice (Slovakia) and Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (Finland), Accreditation Decision

1 Subject of the Application

The Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria) conducted an accreditation procedure for the above-mentioned degree programme pursuant to § 23 paragraph 4b and § 25 Act on Quality Assurance in Higher Education (HS-QSG), BGBl I Nr. 74/2011 as amended by BGBl I Nr. 177/2021, in conjunction with § 8 paragraph 3 University of Applied Sciences Act (FHG), BGBl Nr. 340/1993 as amended by BGBl I Nr. 188/2023, in conjunction with § 4 paragraph 5 sentence 2 Accreditation Decree of Universities of Applied Sciences 2021 (FH-AkkVO 2021). Pursuant to § 21 HS-QSG AQ Austria hereby publishes the following outcome report:

2 Procedural Steps

The accreditation procedure comprised the following steps:

Procedural steps	Date
Receipt of the evaluation report and the accreditation decision by the Agency for Scientific and University Quality of Andalusia (ACCUA)	29.09.2023
Consultation with the competent federal ministry regarding the entry of the joint programme into the database	31.10.2023
Response from the competent federal ministry regarding the entry of the joint programme into the database	06.11.2023
Applicant institution informed about the entry of the joint programme into the database	29.11.2023
Completion of application review	16.01.2024
Receipt of supplementary documents	25.01.2024
Request for supplementary documents by AQ Austria	25.01.2024
Receipt of supplementary documents	31.01.2024 12.03.2024

3 Accreditation Decision

On 20 March 2024 the Board of AQ Austria decided to grant accreditation to the above-mentioned degree programme, pursuant to § 23 paragraph 4b HS-QSG in conjunction with § 4 paragraph 5 sentence 2 FH-AkkVO 2021, due to the fulfilment of the criteria in line with the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

The master's programme "Efficient and Sustainable Energy, Transport and Mobility to Build the Smart Cities of the Future (UlysseusCitiesMD)" is jointly offered with University of Seville (Spain), Université Côte d'Azur (France), University of Genova (Italy), Technical University of Košice (Slovakia) and Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (Finland).

The academic degree to be awarded to graduates of the master's programme is 'Master of Science' (MSc). Management Center Innsbruck (MCI), together with University of Seville (Spain) and Université Côte d'Azur (France), is a degree-awarding institution for the jointly delivered degree (joint degree).

If a degree programme is offered as a joint study programme with one or several recognised foreign Higher education institutions pursuant to § 3 paragraph 2 sentence 10 in conjunction with § 3a FHG, AQ Austria may specify a programme accreditation procedure that departs from § 23 paragraph 4 HS-QSG while complying with international standards and criteria. The results of quality assurance procedures that have already taken place shall be recognised.

In line with the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes, the quality assurance procedure was conducted by the Agency for Scientific and University Quality of Andalusia (ACCUA), which is registered in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).

The decision was approved on 29 July 2024 by the competent federal minister. The notification on the accreditation decision was served on 1 August 2024.

4 Link to the Expert Report

- [Expert report by ACCUA](#), 21.05.2023