

# Report on the outcome of the procedure to change the accreditation of the master programme „Women’s and Gender Studies (GEMMA)“, to be offered in Vienna by the Central European University Private University, Accreditation decision

## 1 Subject of the application

The Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria) conducted a procedure to change the accreditation of the master programme „Women’s and Gender Studies (GEMMA)“, according to §§ 25 para 4 and 24 para 5b 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 § 2 Private Higher Education Act (PrivHG), BGBl I Nr. 77/2020 as amended by BGBl I Nr. 177/2021, in conjunction with § 14 para 1 subpara 2 and § 4 para 5 subpara 2 Accreditation Decree on Private Higher Education 2021 (PrivH-AkkVO 2021). In accordance with § 21 HS-QSG AQ Austria publishes the following outcome report:

## 2 Procedural steps

The accreditation procedure comprised the following steps:

<b>Procedural steps</b>	<b>Date</b>
Application	version dated 23.02.2024, submitted on 23.02.2024
Complete and formally correct application confirmed	25.10.2024

## 3 Accreditation decision

On 20.11.2024 the Board of AQ Austria decided to grant accreditation to the above mentioned change to the master programme, in line with European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes according to § 24 para 5b HS-QSG in conjunction with § 4 para 5 subpara 2 PrivH-AkkVO 2021, due to fulfilment of the criteria according to § 17 PrivH-AkkVO.

The master programme „Women’s and Gender Studies (GEMMA)“ was changed to a joint programme according to § 8 para 3 PrivHG, that is jointly offered with University of Bologna (Italy), University of Lodz (Poland), University of Oviedo (Spain), Utrecht University (Netherlands), University of York (United Kingdom) und University of Granada (Spain).

If a degree programme is offered as a joint study programme with one or several recognised foreign post-secondary educational institutions according to § 8 para 3 PrivHG, AQ Austria may specify a programme accreditation procedure deviating from § 24 para 4 but

in accordance with international standards and criteria. The results of quality assurance procedures which have already taken place shall be recognised.

In line with European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes the quality assurance procedure was conducted by Agentur für Qualitätssicherung durch Akkreditierung von Studiengängen e.V. (AQAS) which is registered in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).

On 20.11.2024 the Board of AQ Austria recognised the results of the quality assurance procedures by AQAS.

The decision was approved on 25.11.2024 by the competent federal minister. The notification on the accreditation decision was delivered on 29.11.2024.

#### 4 Link to the expert report

- Expert report by AQAS, 2023