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To whom it may concern

My name is Agnese Davidsons, I am Rector, Lead researcher and Associate professor at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (VUAS), Latvia.

It is my pleasure to write this letter, in my capacity as an external evaluator in support of the Master program in European Studies established at the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU).

The program has a well thought through structure where all the major aspects of European integration from the historical, political, legal, cultural and economic angles are covered in great detail. The principle of stackability in planning the curricula is followed, which is beneficial to build deep knowledge and ensure the overall achievement of the study results.

The content available to students ensure that they get solid in depth insight in various aspects of European integration. It is implemented by mandatory modules distributed across semesters. Optional modules allow students to further expand their knowledge and to get specialist knowledge of European integration. Transferable and transversal courses are included: foreign languages, academic writing, and negotiation techniques.

With full confidence I can say that this curricula prepares students with the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully pursue their chosen careers.

The above mentioned characteristics of the Master in European Studies program made it perfectly suitable for establishing a double degree program between VUAS and TSU. We are very satisfied with how the collaboration on implementing the double degree program has started and very much looking forward to nurture and expand our cooperation with TSU.

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