

## Letter of Support for Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter Ertl's Candidacy as CESAER Director

Dear Members of the CESAER Board and General Assembly,

as the Chairman of EULiST – European University, I am pleased to express my support for Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter Ertl, Vice Rector at TU Wien, in his candidacy for the position of a member in the Board of Directors of CESAER.

Peter Ertl is a highly respected academic leader with a clear vision for the future of European science and technology. His commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration, responsible research, and academic freedom aligns closely with CESAER's mission and strategic goals.

As an active member of the EULiST alliance, Peter successfully leads his team in linking science and society at TU Wien, collaborating closely with nine strong partner universities across Europe. Within the EULiST alliance (European Universities Linking Society and Technology), he is working diligently to establish a joint European University that makes Europe tangible and accessible to the students and all members of the university community.

With his major contribution, the alliance has already achieved significant milestones, including developing joint curricula, launching cross-border research initiatives addressing urgent global issues, and establishing platforms for knowledge exchange and networking among faculty and students. These efforts not only strengthen academic collaboration but also enhance the practical impact of research on society, allowing students to gain hands-on experience in solving real-world problems and creating a more inclusive environment. This positions TU Wien and its partners at the forefront of modern higher education in Europe.

We are confident that Peter Ertl will meaningfully contribute to the association's leadership and help advance its role as a strategic force shaping Europe's future.

Yours faithfully,

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