

Support Letter from the 4TU.Federation for the Candidacy of
Prof.Ir. M.A. (Ena) Voûte for the CESAER Board of Directors 2025

Subject : Support Letter Candidacy of Prof. Ir. M.A. (Ena) Voûte
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Dear Members of CESAER,

On behalf of the 4TU.Federation, the strategic alliance of the four technical universities of the Netherlands (Delft University of Technology, Eindhoven University of Technology, University of Twente, and Wageningen University & Research), I am pleased to express our full support for the candidacy of Prof. Ir. M.A. (Ena) Voûte for election to the CESAER Board of Directors 2025.

The 4TU.Federation is committed to deliver excellent engineers, to deliver internationally-renowned and societally-relevant research and to stimulate cooperation between research institutes, industry and public organisations. In this spirit of collaboration, we strongly believe that Prof. Voûte is not only an excellent representative of TU Delft, but also a highly capable and trusted voice for the broader Dutch technical university community.

Prof. Voûte has been a long-standing partner within our federation. During her tenure as Dean of the Faculty of Industrial Design Engineering at TU Delft, she worked closely and constructively with the other design faculties within 4TU, particularly through the 4TU.Design United Centre. She played a key role in elevating the role of design research nationally, including in efforts to strengthen the recognition of design practices in architecture, design and policy management in a so called Sectorplan within the Dutch Research Council (NWO). Her ability to connect disciplines and institutions is precisely the kind of leadership CESAER benefits from.

Her candidacy also supports the continued representation of the Netherlands in CESAER governance. As one of the founding members of the alliance, the Netherlands has a long-standing tradition of contributing to European cooperation in science and technology. We are convinced that Prof. Voûte's election will not only strengthen this tradition but also offer added value to all CESAER members. By sharing the knowledge, innovation capacity, and interdisciplinary approach that characterizes the Dutch science and technology ecosystem, she can help advance CESAER's collective mission to build a strong, resilient, and forward-looking Europe, rooted in excellent science, education, impact and collaboration.

We therefore wholeheartedly endorse Prof. Voûte's candidacy and encourage fellow members to support her election to the Board.

Yours sincerely,



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