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Subject Support Letter for the Candidacy of Prof. Ena Voûte



Executive Board

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Dear CESAER Members,

It is with great confidence and unwavering support that I endorse the candidacy of Prof. Ir. M.A. (Ena) Voûte, Pro Vice Rector International Affairs at Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), for election to the CESAER Board of Directors 2025.

Over the past years, Prof. Voûte has served as the principal advisor and trusted deputy for the Executive Board in a wide range of both national and international engagements. Her leadership, vision, and tireless commitment have been instrumental in shaping and representing TU Delft's strategic international positioning, and by extension, contributing meaningfully to broader discussions on European science, technology, and innovation policy.

Her deep involvement with international networks such as the IDEA League¹ and the ENHANCE alliance², her active engagement with policy-shaping dialogues, and her extensive academic and industry background make her exceptionally well-qualified to contribute to and help steer the mission of CESAER in the years ahead.

I fully support Prof. Voûte's candidacy not only because of her individual expertise and experience, but also because she is well positioned to represent the Netherlands within the CESAER Board of Directors. During her time as Dean of the Faculty of Industrial Design Engineering, she played a key role in strengthening collaboration among the four Dutch technical universities, particularly by integrating design and engineering within national research agendas supported by our National Science Organisation. Her candidacy reflects the Netherlands' long-standing commitment to both national and international cooperation. TU Delft, as one of the founding fathers of the CESAER alliance, has always upheld this spirit of collaboration, and through her role, Prof. Voûte will continue to bring a Dutch perspective grounded in academic excellence, openness, and innovation to the broader European dialogue.

Prof. Voûte brings a clear and forward-looking vision, grounded in values that resonate with the CESAER community: openness, excellence, and a strong belief in the power of collaboration across borders and disciplines. She has already demonstrated her effectiveness in furthering these ideals through her work at TU Delft and beyond. I have no doubt that she will bring the same energy, integrity, and strategic insight to her role within the CESAER Board.

I encourage all members to support her candidacy and look forward to the continued strengthening of our shared ambitions through her leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Prof.dr.ir. T.H.J.J. van der Hagen
Rector Magnificus/President

¹ <https://idealeague.org/>: TU Delft, ETH Zurich, RWTH Aachen, Chalmers and Politecnico di Milano

² [ENHANCE Alliance](#): Chalmers, ETH Zurich, Gdańsk, NTNU, Politecnico di Milano, RWTH Aachen, TU Berlin, TU Delft, València and Warsaw