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**Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal**

**Rector**

Istanbul Technical University (ITU)

**To Whom It May Concern,**

I am writing this letter to offer my full and enthusiastic endorsement of Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal's candidacy for a position on the CESAER Board of Directors.

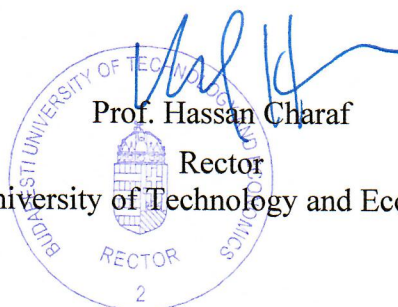
I have had the pleasure of working alongside Prof. Mandal for several years within the EELISA European University Alliance, and I have consistently been impressed by his professionalism, strategic vision, and deep commitment to excellence. His leadership style is both inclusive and effective, fostering collaboration while driving results. He brings a wealth of experience in technology transfer and innovation along with a proven track record of making sound decisions that align with both organizational values and long-term objectives.

Prof. Dr. Mandal possesses a rare combination of analytical insight and interpersonal skill. He approaches challenges with thoughtfulness and resolve, and his integrity and dedication are evident in every initiative he undertakes. I am confident that his presence on the Board will bring fresh perspectives, sound governance, and a strong sense of responsibility to the organization.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support Prof. Dr. Mandal's candidacy and believe that he will be an invaluable asset to the CESAER Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Budapest, 8 August 2025

Sincerely,



Prof. Hassan Charaf

Rector

Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME)