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ENDORSMENT OF TORIL A. NAGELHUS HERNES AS CANDIDATE FOR THE CESAER BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026-2029

I hereby give my full support and endorsement of Professor Toril A. Nagelhus Hernes' expression of interest to serve on the CESAER Board of Directors for the period 2026 – 2029.

Professor Hernes is Pro-Rector of Research and Innovation at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU, with strategic decision-making responsibilities within her areas of responsibility. She will continue in this role until august 2029.

NTNU is the national university of science and technology in Norway with a specific mandate from the Norwegian government and a national responsibility for higher education, research and innovation in technology. NTNU has 9000 employees and 44 000 students and educates 85% of Master's and 95% of Ph.D.s in technology in Norway.

Professor Hernes has a deep commitment to European cooperation, a profound understanding of European research, innovation and higher education policies, and has established herself as a visible and outspoken representative of the engineering universities in Europe. She is also an influential and noticeable university leader in the Norwegian research and innovation system.

Building on her knowledge, engagement and motivation, I believe that she will be an excellent member of the CESAER Board of Directors in a second period.

As Rector of NTNU, I will do my utmost to support Professor Hernes in her active engagement in the CESAER Board of Directors, and her engagement on behalf of the engineering and technical universities in Europe.

I strongly recommend Professor Hernes for the CESAER Board of Directors 2026 - 2029.

Yours sincerely,



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