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**Endorsment of Toril A. Nagelhus Hernes as Candidate for the CESAER Board
of Directors 2026-2029**

Dear Mattias Björnmalm,

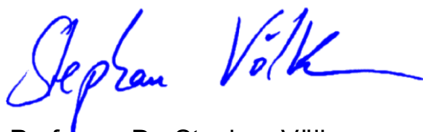
I have been made aware that **Professor Toril A. Nagelhus Hernes**, Vice
President and Pro- Rector for Research and Innovation at NTNU, is a candidate for
the CESAER Board of Directors for the period 2026 - 2029.

I would like to give my full support for her candidature.

TU Berlin has a long-term collaboration with the Norwegian University of Science
and Technology (NTNU). I find both NTNU and Toril Hernes as an engaged,
outspoken and visible representative of the engineering universities in Europe with
a profound commitment to the sound development of European research,
innovation and higher education policies and European cooperation in research,
innovation and higher education. I have also noticed that Toril Hernes is very active
in European policy discussions, which I believe is important for a board
representative of CESAER. I find her knowledgeable, strategic and has solid
implementation capabilities, and will undisputedly be an excellent representative of
the CESAER member universities.

**I strongly recommend Professor and Vice President Hernes for a continuation
of the CESAER Board of Directors 2026 - 2029.**

Yours sincerely,



Professor Dr. Stephan Völker