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Endorsement of Toril A. Nagelhus Hernes as candidate for the CESAER board of directors 2026-2029

We have been informed that Professor Toril A. Nagelhus Hernes, Pro-Rector / Vice President for Research and Innovation at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), is a candidate for the CESAER Board of Directors for the period 2026–2029.

On behalf of Universities Norway (UHR), we wish to express our full support for her candidacy. We have known Professor Hernes for many years, as she has been an active member and former chair of UHR's national unit on innovation.

We know Professor Hernes as an engaged, outspoken, and visible representative of universities in Norway and Europe, with a profound commitment to the sound development of European research, innovation, and higher education policies, as well as to strengthening European cooperation in research and innovation.

She is highly knowledgeable, strategic, possesses strong implementation skills, and will undoubtedly be an excellent representative of CESAER's member universities. I strongly recommend Professor Hernes for the CESAER Board of Directors 2026–2029.

Yours sincerely

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