

CESAER

Delegates and Representatives
Fifth General Assembly
European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) Association

Concerns: Nomination of Karel Luyben for re-election as President of EOSC Association

Date: 18 October 2022

Dear colleagues

As one of the [first signatories](#) of the [2017 European Open Science Cloud \(EOSC\) Declaration](#) and as one of the four [founding Members of the EOSC Association](#), our association has been and remains a strong supporter and constructive partner in developing and implementing the EOSC.

As you know, Karel Luyben (*Rector Magnificus Emeritus* of Delft University of Technology and former President of CESAER) was [elected](#) the first President of the EOSC Association in December 2020 after a candidacy which was endorsed by major stakeholder organisations demonstrating [broad support](#) amongst European scientific communities and research performing and funding organisations. I thank the General Assembly of the EOSC Association again for its trust and confidence in Karel.

Since his election, Karel has demonstrated continuing strong dedication in leading and coordinating the broad EOSC community resulting in the successful establishment of the EOSC Association as a constructive, visible and trusted partner on the European level. Under his leadership, the association has achieved key milestones such as concluding the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to establish a [European Partnership](#) worth almost €1 billion of funding and in-kind contributions, as well as the [Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#).

These accomplishments, together with his leadership of Delft University of Technology and our association, prove Karel to be an effective, efficient, trusted and welcoming leader who embraces the strength and creativity inherent in diverse and international communities, and who has the skills, competences and experiences to make international associations flourish.

Karel's background in European research, education and innovation in general, open science in particular and especially his unequalled experience related to the EOSC, combined with the strong leadership and collaboration he established with the broader community over many years, makes him ideally placed to serve the EOSC Association and its community.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am therefore honoured to nominate Karel Luyben as our candidate for re-election for a second term as President of the EOSC Association. He has the full support from our association and my strongest support as the President of CESAER.

As announced in the [Call for Candidates](#) for President of the EOSC Association with the deadline of 28 October 2022 at 23:59 CEST, I am pleased to hereby submit:

1. [Curriculum vitae](#) (max. two A4 pages)
2. [Motivation letter](#) from the candidate (max. two A4 pages)
3. Letter from a suitable authority of the Member organisation of the candidate stating their support for the individual's candidacy (max. two A4 pages), i.e. the present letter

While the documents listed above contain the information requested, I encourage you to consult [our website](#) for more information.

On behalf of our Board, we reiterate our strong commitment and efforts to the development and implementation of the EOSC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at rector@ugent.be if you have any questions, and I kindly invite you to put our Deputy Secretary General Mattias Björnmalm at mattias.bjornmalm@cesaer.org in cc if you do.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a long horizontal line with a vertical stroke rising from the center and a small loop at the top.

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President of CESAER
Rector of Ghent University