

To: EOSC Association

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**Letter of Support for the nomination of Prof. Karel Luyben as first President of the EOSC Association**

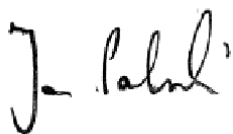
With this letter, we confirm that The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities strongly supports the nomination of Prof. Karel Luyben as first President of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) Association.

As current Chair of the EOSC Executive Board, Prof. Luyben has demonstrated a great engagement and commitment to the realisation of the EOSC. Such background and experience will be pivotal for the successful start of the EOSC Association operations and to ensure a smooth transition from the previous EOSC governance, building on the achievements already made.

We believe that Prof. Luyben will enjoy the trust of the scientific community, given his strong experience and profile in European research and innovation and university networks, including his deep involvement in the Open Science Policy Platform. Such a trust is fundamental, as we believe that universities and university networks will play a central role in the development of the EOSC, as key actors where research data is generated and used to advance European research.

In light of the above, The Guild strongly supports the nomination of Prof. Luyben and believes his appointment would be very beneficial for achieving the vision and goals of the EOSC.

Sincerely,



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The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities