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CONCERNS Endorsement of Karel Luyben as President of EOSC Association

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The **League of European Research Universities (LERU)** expresses its full support for the candidacy of Karel Luyben to be the first President of the EOSC Association.


As the current Chair of the EOSC Executive Board, Karel has helped make the European Open Science Cloud into the vibrant flagship research and innovation effort that it is today. In this role, he has repeatedly demonstrated his suitability and commitment to help lead this important endeavour.

Karel has an extensive background in research and innovation, and especially in open science, including at national, European and global levels. Notable examples include as National Coordinator for Open Science in the Netherlands, as Rector of Delft University of Technology, as President of the European Federation of Biotechnology, as President of CESAER and as Member of the European Commission's Open Science Policy Platform.

His skills, competences and experiences, combined with the trust he has built with the broader community over many years and his unequalled experiences related to the EOSC, makes him an ideal candidate for President of the EOSC Association.

We endorse his candidacy and give him our strongest support.

Yours sincerely,



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