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DECLARATION

THE FORMATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE “4EU”

As the presidents of our universities, we declare that:
Charles University, Heidelberg University, Sorbonne University,
University of Warsaw form the European University Alliance “4EU”.
The aim of this new strategic partnership is to develop a new quality
of cooperation in research, innovation, education and services and
to establish the appropriate infrastructure.

Our university alliance has a collective ambition to strengthen the European vision,
transform our organizations, share a common academic tradition and values and expand
well-established collaborations for the benefit of the alliance and to better serve the society.
This alliance is particularly well positioned to attain these goals. Our four universities are
comprehensive, research-intensive, and innovative in teaching and learning and they all
enjoy vigorous socio-economic ecosystems. This alliance will solidify our already strong
commitment to lead by example in creating university synergies in learning, research and
innovation that reinforce each other in our missions.

Today's societal challenges are multi-dimensional and require inter- and multi-disciplinary
approaches to tackle them. Our goal is to create a unique academic environment for our
students, researchers and staff. The combined opportunities of our research-intensive
universities will enable shared platforms and expanded access to the resources of our
universities to address complex challenges.

It's our ambition that the alliance will:

- play a pivotal role in addressing the societal challenges, from local to global scales;
- implement unprecedented sharing of opportunities and activities across our universities,
and will thus have a crucial impact on the structuring of European Research and Higher Education
Area;
- integrate teaching and research to provide a world-leading experience for students from over the
world where new ideas will thrive

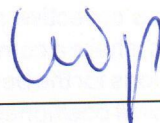
We will create a common infrastructure that provides added value for the individuals as well as for each particular university that:

- facilitates circulation of students, faculty and staff
- creates research opportunities beyond the capacity of each individual institution
- enhances added value to current cooperation between universities

The university alliance will ensure common benefits to its members in the spirit of fruitful cooperation and the principle of equality, based on excellence in research and education. Our alliance will create a simple, flexible and reactive governing and management structure. The overall goals will be set by the joint rectors' conference.



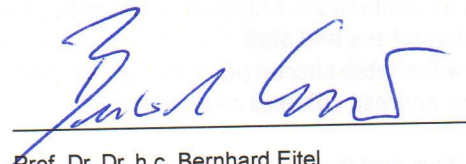
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