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Candidacy for the EAAE Council

Dear President, dear Vice-President, dear Council,

I would like to express my candidacy for the EAAE Council in the upcoming elections at the AC in Turin. It would be a pleasure to join and contribute to the Council's work in the next years, to strengthen EAAE's role for education in architecture in Europe, extend networks, and in particular enhance framework conditions for research. The openness, curiosity, sense of collaboration and exchange I encounter in EAAE is a spirit I would like to contribute to in the activities of the Council.

Please find attached the application materials. For any question please do not hesitate to call.

Kind regards

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## Rationale

As Dean for Research of the Faculty of Architecture and Landscape of Leibniz University Hannover I became increasingly aware that the strategic development of Schools and in particular of education—facing societal challenges of climate change and social division, advocating culture and creativity, and not at least upholding in the institutional contexts of universities—needs considerably more exchange and collaboration between Schools. As one of the Architecture Schools of the German TU9 Technical Universities my Faculty is at the top of the national ranking CHE, we are engaging in exchange and collaboration between the TU9 Schools and in the DARL group of all German architecture Schools. I would be glad to extend these activities to a European dimension.

I can rely on experience in research and in European cooperation from projects funded e. g. by the EU Creative Europe Programme, the EU Alpine Space Programme, and the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD. Right now, I start as coordinator the Circular Design EU Innovation Alliance with 11 partners, amongst them ACE. As architect and urban planner, my focus is on design-driven approaches to urban and territorial transformation processes. I am keen on creating interfaces with other disciplines such as infrastructure planning, engineering, social and cultural sciences, and with landscape architecture which is a unique asset of our School amongst the TU9.

Since 2020, together with colleagues from the TU9 Schools, I am working on the topic of research evaluation. We advocate for the specific qualities of architectural research in the context of our universities and towards funding bodies, also in the context of the new COARA framework. In this process, it became clear that further influence on frameworks for research is necessary—necessarily in larger European alliances. I discussed these conclusions with a contribution at the EAAE Conference in Madrid.

My intentions for collaborating in the EAAE Council are starting from research, with the aim to support deepening and extending the many existing and ongoing initiatives of EAAE in this regard. I would like to address not only European frameworks (such as the very crucial setup of panels in ERC, the programming of Horizon, Frascati, etc.) but also to try to strengthen and extend alliances (with ACE, ELIA, but also other partners in the context of NEB, of cities' organisations etc.) and to address national funding bodies together. I would like to contribute to new formats to communicate research in architecture, very timely for many societal challenges, to politics, academia, and society, advocating its value, character, and interactiveness (e. g. with a European Research Prize in Architecture). And I would like to support to improve exchange, networking, and collaboration between the EAAE Schools: for understanding research in architecture as a deeply culturally influenced, multi-faceted, and multidimensional strength. Not at least, I would like to contribute to foster exchange and collaboration in research education, in doctoral programmes and on the master level; with the aim to position research as inherent part of architecture and its multiple creative practices.

## Personal statement regarding the Council duties

I will be glad to engage considerably in the Council activities and I confirm the resources to attend Council meetings (online and in presence) as well as conferences, workshops, and events linked to the activities in the Council. I am aware of the duties of the Council according to Art. 17 of the EAAE charter. I can rely on my experience as part of the board of Deans of our Faculty (since 2017) to fulfill the administrative duties of the Council and the responsibility to execute EAAE's general policy and the regulations and methods of implementing it, guided by the EAAE president and vice-president. I am looking forward to contribute to organise EAAE's activities, in particular conferences and seminars, but also communication, networking and policy advise. With the expressed support of my colleagues in the Faculty, I would be glad to host one of the upcoming events (conference or Deans' summit) at our School in Hannover. Based on my experience in applying and coordinating large cooperation projects, I will support to raise funding and supervise their use and support to prepare the annual report and the accounts for the General Assembly. I am very fond of the spirit of cooperation and engagement I encounter in the EAAE and would like to contribute in an active role in the Council to realise EAAE's values and vision in the next years.

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## Letter of support

The Faculty of Architecture and Landscape of Leibniz University Hannover declares to highly support the candidacy of Prof. Jörg Schröder, Dean for Research, for the elections to the EAAE Council. We confirm that he can rely on the resources for attendance at council meetings, conferences, and all duties as in article 17 of the EAAE statute. The Faculty, within the German TU9 Polytechnic Universities, is highly interested to contribute to EAAE's activities in enhancing architectural education, research, and networking in Europe.

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