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Support letter to Tallinn University of Technology to establish UNESCO Chair on Digital Transformation for Inclusive and Sustainable Development.

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Estonian National Commission for UNESCO is pleased to express its support to the application of the Tallinn University of Technology to establish UNESCO Chair on Digital Transformation for Inclusive and Sustainable Development.

The Estonian National Commission for UNESCO has been engaged to the application's consultation process by the potential UNESCO Chair holder, Jean Monnet Professor on Digitalization David Ramiro Troitino, Department of International Relations, School of Business and Governance of Tallinn University of Technology.

The proposed UNESCO Chair is trans-disciplinary and with a focus on foresight, has special consideration to gender issues as well as to open and free publications. The key areas of the proposed UNESCO Chair – digital inclusion, ethical digital governance, and the development of inclusive digital policies – are well aligned with UNESCO's mandate and priorities. The application highlights the importance of interregional cooperation, networking and strategic partnerships with different sectors. The Chair's envisioned work on research-based solutions and capacity-building initiatives empower communities, bridge digital divides, foster resilient and inclusive digital societies globally, and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The proposed Chair would be housed within the Centre for Digital Governance and Innovation of the Tallinn University of Technology and would be well-supported for long-term sustainability.

We believe that the establishment of the UNESCO chair at Tallinn University of Technology would further strengthen the network of UNESCO Chairs in the field of digital transformation and sustainable development, and it is our pleasure to support it.

Yours sincerely,

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