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**CUMULUS International Association of Universities and Colleges of
Art, Design and Media**

To whom it may concern.

Subject: Recommendation Letter for the Candidacy of Prof. Anna Meroni to the Cumulus Executive Board

On behalf of Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, we are pleased to recommend Prof. Anna Meroni, Full Professor at Politecnico di Milano and Deputy Dean of the School of Design, for the Cumulus Executive Board (2025–2028).

Prof. Meroni is an outstanding international scholar and educator. She has served as the International Coordinator of the DESIS Network (Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability), headed international master's programs, and currently holds the position of Deputy Dean at one of the largest and highest-ranking design universities in the world.

Her career combines leadership of research groups, including the Polimi DESIS Lab, with the scientific coordination of numerous research projects. Additionally, she has extensive experience in managing people and initiatives, projects, conferences and international events.

Through our collaboration over the past years, we have truly appreciated her creativity in envisioning future possibilities and strategies, coupled with her pragmatic approach to making them a reality. She is driven by a genuine motivation to create positive change, always fostering a collaborative spirit by involving diverse stakeholders in the design and implementation of initiatives.

We firmly believe that these qualities, combined with her vision and humanity, would greatly benefit the Cumulus Association.

For these reasons, we strongly support the candidacy of Prof. Anna Meroni for the Cumulus Executive Board.

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