

Sèvres, 6/02/2025

Dear Members of the Cumulus Executive Board,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Prof. Dr. Kristof Vaes' candidacy for the Cumulus Executive Board. Throughout our collaborations at various Cumulus conferences, Prof. Vaes has demonstrated his dedication and passion for design education.

Prof. Vaes' leadership as chair of the Cumulus Antwerp Conference "Connectivity and Creativity in Times of Conflict" in April 2023 was particularly noteworthy. His talent for uniting diverse perspectives significantly revived our network's collaborative spirit in the post-pandemic era.

At the University of Antwerp's Faculty of Design Sciences, Prof. Vaes has successfully bridged academic excellence with a substantial research output in the field of Inclusive Design. His deep understanding of both industry and academia, make him an outstanding candidate for the Executive Board. His passion, expertise, and collaborative spirit are precisely what we need to guide Cumulus towards a more inclusive and responsible future.

I am confident that Prof. Vaes' appointment will greatly benefit our network. I wholeheartedly endorse his application.

Yours sincerely,

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