

POSITION STATEMENT TU DELFT EXECUTIVE BOARD REGARDING THE RESEARCH ASSESSMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE 2015-2020

The Executive Board of Delft University of Technology has commissioned an assessment of the research carried out by the departments Intelligent Systems (INSY) and Software Technology (ST) of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics & Computer Science in the period 2015-2020. The assessment was carried out in 2021 by an international peer review committee, using the Strategy Evaluation Protocol 2021-2027. The chair of the peer review committee was Prof.dr.ir. M. (Maarten) van Steen (University of Twente). The full report of the peer review committee is available on the TU Delft website.

The Executive Board has accepted the report and wishes to express its gratitude to the committee for their work and for delivering a valuable assessment report. On the basis of the assessment report, additional information and the fruitful conversations during the on-campus site visit, the committee has provided comprehensive insights and recommendations that the departments can use to their advantage.

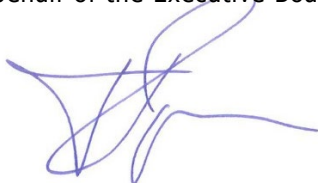
The Executive Board is pleased to read that the committee is positive about the very high and often excellent research quality, the high quality of the staff as well as the energy, drive and potential of the primarily junior research staff of both departments. The Executive board is also happy to hear that the committee recognizes the relevance and societal impact of the research carried out the INSY and ST departments.

The Executive Board considers all recommendations related to the viability of the departments, in relation to academic culture, particularly important and underlines the need for reflection on the current organization with a special focus on empowerment, autonomy and attractiveness. The Executive Board believes the risks associated with scientific excellence identified by the committee need to be mitigated. These risks are related to the research portfolio and the balance between foundation and application as well as to talent management. The Executive Board is pleased with the clear indications seen by the assessment committee that the departments are organisational units that are willing to learn and change.

The Executive Board also appreciates the recommendations to broaden the Open Science perspective beyond Open Access, as well as to improve PhD policy and training, and encourages the departments to take the recommendations to heart.

The Executive Board will further discuss the recommendations with the management of the Electrical Engineering, Mathematics & Computer Science Faculty. Thereby attention will be paid to the natural blending and cross-fertilization of the Computer Science departments, observed by the assessment committee.

On behalf of the Executive Board of Delft University of Technology,



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