

POSITION STATEMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD TU DELFT REGARDING ASSESSMENT COMPUTER SCIENCE

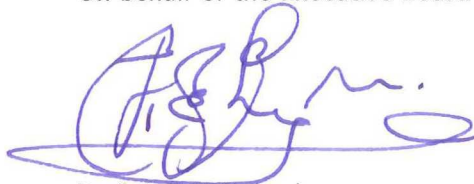
The Executive Board of Delft University of Technology, together with the Executive Boards of eight other Dutch universities, has commissioned an assessment of all the research carried out in the field of Computer Science at those universities. For the TU Delft this included the research carried out at the department of Intelligent Systems and the department of 'Software and Computer Technology' of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science. The assessment was carried out in 2015 by an international peer review committee, using the Standard Evaluation Protocol 2015-2021 (www.vsnu.nl/sep). Chair of the peer review committee was prof. dr. Gerard van Oortmerssen (Tilburg University, The Netherlands). The full report of the peer review committee is available on the TU Delft website.

The Executive Board wishes to express her gratitude to the peer review committee for their work and their final report. Assessing research at nine universities in a short period of time is a Herculean task which requires a significant amount of time and effort. The Executive Board is pleased that the committee found the quality of the research conducted in the field of Computer Science at TU Delft to be good and internationally recognized with very good societal relevance.

In their report the committee has identified a number of issues that transcend a single research unit and occur on a university wide or even national level. Examples of such issues are the official status of associate and assistant professors and the issue regarding the lack of diversity: both in gender and culture. The Executive Board appreciates these remarks and will use them in the ongoing local and national discussions regarding these themes.

Finally, amongst the recommendations the committee urges both the Faculty and the Executive Board to consider merging both research units to increase international visibility and to recruit excellent new professors and PhD students from abroad. The Executive Board will discuss this recommendation with the Faculty Board but it is of the opinion that larger is not always better. A merger of both departments might become too large to effectively manage at this specific aggregation level.

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



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