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Dear Rector/President,

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude, on behalf of Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), for our long-time and fruitful cooperation.

Our 240-year old university is truly grateful to be part of the Erasmus program, as it is one of the flagships of BME's international activities. The opportunities provided through Erasmus – including the European Universities initiative, Horizon Europe, and Mobility programs – enable our students, academic and non-academic staff, and researchers to participate in highly prominent collaborations. Sharing knowledge through an expanding professional network based on international experience can be the basis for finding solutions for global issues in various fields.

As for the recent news about the suspension of Erasmus funds to Hungarian universities, allow me to acknowledge and appreciate the concern of several colleagues and provide a few details for clarification and for reassurance.

The funding status of BME has not changed, we are still a state-funded university, and thus, continue to receive funds from Erasmus program. All of our currently running Erasmus-based activities and projects are going to be maintained; furthermore, new applications are currently being prepared. We are looking forward to welcome incoming students, academic and non-academic staff, and researchers to BME in the upcoming semester and in the future, just as we did before. Additionally, BME citizens may continue to apply for Erasmus programs for their choosing, without any restrictions.

As a concluding remark, let me express my best wishes, and BME's firm intention to continue our valuable cooperation. Should you have any open questions regarding the exchange program or our partnership, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleagues at your convenience.

Budapest, 19 January 2023

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. Tibor Czigány
Rector

