



Dear students,

Dear colleagues,

Every year, for all of us, the teaching professionals and administrative staff of the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, the end of September and beginning of October is synonym with the moment of reunion with you, dear students; this is the beginning of the academic year!

Unfortunately, this academic year (which marks the beginning of our university's second century of existence) is influenced by the persistence and unpredictability of the invisible enemy COVID 19, who changed the normality of the entire planet in just a few months. It has changed the approach, the progress and organisation of all the higher education institutions in the world. This change involves the adaptation of the entire society, and hence of all involved actors. The education at all levels seems to be one of the most affected segments of society, for which we must find the best solutions together.

As I mentioned in my managerial plan, "The future is in the eyes of the one who looks far away". Let us look towards the future with hope and trust, and try to overcome this challenging and complicated period with the involvement of everyone!

I want to welcome in the community of the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca the over 6.800 new students in the undergraduate, master's degree and PhD studies levels! Together with the 14.000 students from the senior years, they give life to this beautiful and dynamic university. I wish all our students to have a good journey in this thrilling and wonderful adventure towards performance and dedication!

Dear students!

Starting from today, you are not just members of the technical academic community in Cluj, but also of the European University of Technology EUt+!

EUt+ is a cross-border institutional construction, which reunites eight higher technical education institutions from Europe (respectively Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Spain and Romania through our university), universities which have the same common vision *Think Human First* - for a human-centred technology. The desideratum assumed by the eight partners is to create a sustainable future for our students and the ones from the European countries, for the staff of each institution and for the regions which accommodate each campus. The long-term results aimed by this alliance will be materialised under your eyes: eight campuses, a university, a unique diploma, joint study programs, short-term and long-term mobilities for teaching professionals and students, a unique access card to all services and facilities in the eight campuses for all the students and teaching



professionals, the development of a joint infrastructure (library resources, databases, learning and research platforms), a joint laboratory for pedagogical teaching and student-centred learning, shared learning platforms for projects, and last but not least a network of transdisciplinary research.

As a part of this European construction, TUCN will mobilise important human, financial, educational and research resources, being aware of the long-term importance of this significant institutional endeavour.

I strongly believe more than ever that this is the time to prove our strength and ability, to overcome this period and to build the next years thoroughly. We can do it together, united and solidary. We must think about the future acting with responsibility, and through our actions to offer you, our dear students, the education you need, to provide the society with the specialists who will develop it, and offer to each one of us the joy of an accomplished mission.

Good luck, stay healthy, and I look forward to meeting you again!

VIVAT CRESCAT FLOREAT TUCN!

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