

Faculty of Arts and Humanities Covilhã, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

## **ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR CUMULUS PRESIDENCY 2025-2028**

Att. CUMULUS International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic endorsement of Lorenzo Imbesi for the position of President of the Cumulus Association for 2025-2028. Having the privilege of collaborating with Lorenzo in various academic activities in the last few years, I can attest to his exceptional leadership qualities, dedication, and vision for our community. From those moments and activities, I would underline Lorenzo's openness, availability, and full support of Cumulus members' activities. I would point out the support given by Lorenzo to Universidade da Beira Interior, in (i) the creation and accreditation of the PhD in Design, (ii) the creation, accreditation and funding application of the Research Unit in Arts (iA\*) and (iii) the scientific collaboration and participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Research Days Conference.

Lorenzo has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the values and goals of the Cumulus Association. His ability to foster collaboration and inspire innovation has led to numerous successful initiatives that have benefited our members and the wider community. His strategic thinking and Human skills are assets that will undoubtedly continue to drive our organization forward.

Under Lorenzo's leadership, we have seen significant growth and positive change. He possesses a deep understanding of the societal challenges we face today and in the future and has the foresight to navigate them effectively and with social sensitivity. His inclusive approach ensures that all voices are heard, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose among Cumulus members.

I firmly believe that Lorenzo's re-election as President will bring continued progress and success to the Cumulus Association. His passion, integrity, and commitment to excellence make him the ideal candidate to lead us into the future. I am confident that Lorenzo Imbesi will continue to be a transformative leader for our association.

Due to the above reasons, I strongly support the candidacy of Lorenzo Imbesi as Cumulus President for 2025-2028.

Sincerely,

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