

Rectors' meeting of the Neurotech<sup>EU</sup> Alliance

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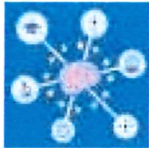
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## **DECLARATION of the Rectors' meeting of the Neurotech<sup>EU</sup> Alliance**

The European University of Brain and Technology (Neurotech<sup>EU</sup>) brings together leading universities in Europe and more than 250 partnering organizations, including industrial partners, research institutions, companies, societal stakeholders, cities, and non-governmental organizations, in order to shape education and training for all segments of society. We educate students across all levels (bachelor's, master's, doctoral, as well as life-long learners) and train the next generation of multidisciplinary scientists, scholars and graduates. We provide them with direct access to cutting-edge infrastructure for basic, translational and applied research to address the unmet challenges for which neuroscience research can make a difference.

We the rectors and their representatives in the Neurotech<sup>EU</sup> Alliance:

1. Recognize the importance of creating synergy for a joint long-term strategy for education and research within the fields of Brain Sciences and Technology in order to increase the competitiveness of European education, research, economy, and society.
2. Acknowledge the need for close and sustainable global cooperation with leading universities across the world to address the (Neuro)challenges of our global society.
3. Collaborate to enhance our cooperation at all levels, for students, scholars, researchers, and staff members, and to incorporate our external partners across sectors to create a unique Neurotech ecosystem for education, research and innovation.
4. Adopt a challenge-based approach as students, academics and external partners cooperate in interdisciplinary teams to address the most important issues our society faces.
5. Acknowledge that despite the extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the seamless mobility of students, research and staff to study, train, teach, contact research and innovate has still to be assured. We will continue to develop hybrid education, training and research platforms to promote inter-university cooperation into a new era.
6. Emphasize the importance of a well-functioning, synergistic and welcoming partnership, including the expansion of the current partnership with new partners and associates who can contribute to the objectives of the alliance.
7. Are highly committed to offering student-centred curricula jointly delivered across inter-university campuses, whereby diverse student bodies can build their programmes and experience mobility at all levels of study.



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