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Association of  
European  
Research  
Establishments in  
Aeronautics

Commissioner Janez Potocnik  
Science and Research  
European Commission  
Berlaymont  
B-1049 Brussels

Dear Commissioner Potočnik,

The Association of European Research Establishments in Aeronautics (EREA) has been a strong supporter and active stakeholder of the ERA construction ever since the concept was first established at the end of the 90s. EREA members have been active in participating to all EU framework programmes and to the development of the first ever European Technology Platform ACARE.

We are committed to furthering the ERA construction and appropriating it as our own concrete asset. This is reflected in our common EREA position paper on the Commission ERA green paper of April 4, 2007.

We strongly believe that our researchers are by far our most valuable asset and that our ability to offer them attractive careers and job conditions within our aeronautical research organisations and to foster mobility between them is key to the success of ERA and EREA, i.e. to the development of a knowledge based society, and to the enhancement of European aeronautical industry competitiveness.


**Accordingly, we, the following undersigned members of EREA, are pleased to sign this letter as a testimony** of our decision to follow the principles of the Commission Recommendation on the European Charter for Researchers and on a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers and to support the Charter and Code.

We undertake, within the conditions established by national regulations and our specific boundary conditions related to our activities and operations, to apply the principles and practices contained in the Charter and Code, and to develop and promote the mobility of researchers in Europe.

Our collective commitment is also a tribute to the Intercultural Dialogue which Europe is celebrating this year 2008. Our specific efforts to promote mobility of researchers between EREA members are contributing not only to knowledge transfer within Europe, but also to making this Intercultural Dialogue not a single year event but a permanent value of our common future.




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Denis Maugars, President & CEO of ONERA  
(France), EREA Chairman




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Fred Abbink, General Director of NLR (The  
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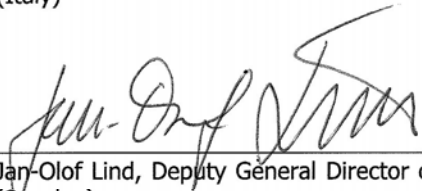
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Massimo Cavaliere, General Director of CIRA  
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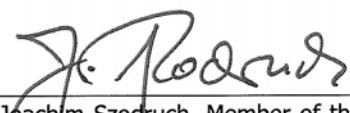
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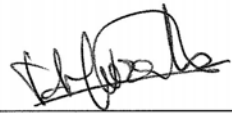
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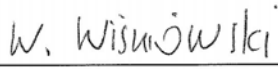
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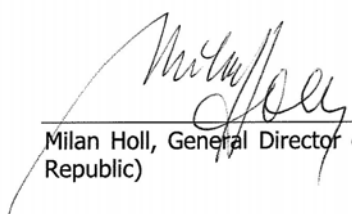
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Witold Wisniowski, General Director of ILOT  
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Charter already signed on behalf of Forschung  
Austria in September 2006

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Wolfgang Knoll, Managing Director of ARC  
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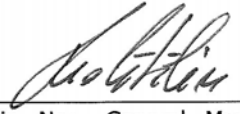
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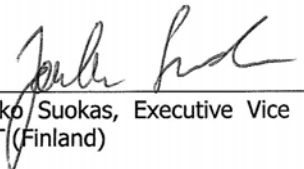
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Mario Carbonaro, Director of VKI (Belgium)



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Catalin Nae, General Manager of INCAS  
(Romania)



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Jouko Suokas, Executive Vice President of  
VTT (Finland)

Brussels, 29 September 2008