

## **POSITION STATEMENT TU DELFT EXECUTIVE BOARD REGARDING THE RESEARCH ASSESSMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT 2016-2021**

The Executive Board of Delft University of Technology has commissioned an assessment of the research carried out by the departments Management in the Built Environment, Architecture, Urbanism and Architectural Engineering and Technology of the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment in the period 2016-2021. The assessment was carried out in 2022 by an international peer review committee, using the Strategy Evaluation Protocol 2021-2027. The chair of the peer review committee was prof.dr.ir-arch. T. (Tom) Coppens (University of Antwerp). The full report of the peer review committee is available on the TU Delft website.

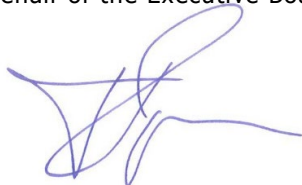
The Executive Board has accepted the report and wishes to express its gratitude to the committee for their work and for performing a valuable assessment. Based on the assessment report, additional information, and the fruitful conversations during the on-campus site visit, the committee has provided comprehensive insights and recommendations that the departments can use to their advantage.

The Executive Board is pleased to read that overall, the committee finds the faculty and its departments very good and, for some aspects, excellent. The push towards more peer reviewed journals was noticed and commended as well as the open and positive academic culture. The committee has been very thorough and has provided a wide variety of recommendations of which several focus on development, alignment, formalization and communication of research strategy (at faculty and department level). The Executive Board fully supports this recommendation. Furthermore, following the recommendations with regards to monitoring the research strategy, the Executive Board encourages the faculty and its departments to start a conversation about meaningful and relevant data to inform decisions and monitor progress. In terms of department strategy the committee recommends the department of AE&T to reduce the number of strategic goals. At the department of Urbanism the committee was impressed by the Delft Approach to Urbanism, but recommends substantiating this approach further for instance with international benchmark evidence. For Architecture the committee explicitly suggests involving all research staff in the development of the research strategy. Finally for MBE the focus lies in the articulation of its unique selling proposition. The Executive Board supports these department specific recommendations.

Another point brought forward by the committee and recognized by the Executive Board is the onboarding and supervision of PhD candidates. The Executive Board recommends taking action at a faculty level. Finally, as a faculty strongly connected to society, the committee recommends the faculty and specifically the departments of MBE and Architecture to create a knowledge transfer strategy. The Executive Board was pleased to read that the committee takes diversity to the next level and recommends the departments of MBE and Urbanism to find the balance between international staff in the Dutch context.

The Executive Board will discuss the Faculty-level recommendations further, as well as the observations and remarks concerning the departments, with the management of the Architecture and the Built Environment Faculty.

On behalf of the Executive Board of Delft University of Technology,



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