re: Candidacy for the ERRIN Management Board

Pirita Lindholm

**ERRIN** Director

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Dear Mrs Lindholm,

I am pleased to inform you, with this letter, of the intention of Eindhoven-Brainport Brussels Office, to stand as a candidate for the upcoming ERRIN Management Board elections.

Eindhoven-Brainport has been a member of ERRIN from the outset and was heavily involved in the process that gave rise to ERRIN becoming an independent network. Since the establishment of the network Eindhoven has served on the Management Board as member, vice chair and as chair. The office is, furthermore, active in a number of the ERRIN working groups, notably those on Smart Cities, on Innovation and investment both of which we co-chair. In addition, we participate in the WG's on energy, design, smart specialisation and ICT.

Eindhoven was also closely engaged in the transformation process following the change of directors in 2016 by taking the lead in the drafting process of a new strategic direction for the network.

Should we be elected as a member of the Management Board, the seat will be taken by Anthony van de Ven, our head of office in Brussels. Anthony has been involved in the network from the outset and has served as Management board member as well as vice chair and chair.

After a period of absence of two years, Eindhoven-Brainport is ready again to take up this commitment and actively contribute to the future success of the network.

I sincerely hope you accept this candidacy and am looking forward to the elections

With kind regards,

Anthony van de Ven

Head of Office

Eindhoven-Brainport Brussels Office