



## EDITO

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### REINVENTING THE UNIVERSITY

CY Cergy Paris University belongs to the map of excellence in education and high-level research, and aims to be one of the world's top 200 universities by 2030. To achieve this, we have reorganised our academic power with a university college for undergraduate studies (CY Sup) and four graduate schools (CY Tech, CY Arts and Humanities, CY Education, CY Law and Political Science). ESSEC Business School is associated by decree with CY Cergy Paris University as the fifth graduate school.

Our project consists of reinventing the university: opening up avenues, listening, proposing, trying, failing here, succeeding there, starting again, and above all not making people believe that we already know. To do this, we are breaking down the barriers that exist in the academic world.

First of all, we are going beyond the traditional divide between the private *grandes écoles* and the public university. At CY, the university and ESSEC work together. Secondly, we make the local response and the international dimension coexist. We consider that international influence is a lever for increasing the attractiveness of our university, which will in turn serve the new bachelors of the region. And the last barrier we want to break down is the one that separates fundamental research and the transfer of knowledge to companies and society.

This ambitious project has only one objective: to help students prepare for and face the world of tomorrow.

This international letter, the first of a long series, highlights the work, dynamism and diversity of our university community in the service of our students' success and openness to the world.

I hope you enjoy reading it !



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