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New Chair of UAS4EUROPE: Luciana Vaccaro hands over to Marjolijn Brussaard

Since 1 June 2022, Marjolijn Brussaard, Prof. Em. (Vereniging Hogescholen) is new Chairwoman of UAS4EUROPE and forms the network's Executive Committee together with Dr. Heidi Fagerholm (Arene) until May 2024.

UAS4EUROPE looks forward to the next two years of strengthening the voice of universities of applied sciences (UAS) in Europe with the *Netherlands Association of Universities of Applied Sciences* (Vereniging Hogescholen) and the *Rectors' Conference of Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences* (Arene) at the helm of the network.

At the same time, this marks the end of a very successful year of Dr. Luciana Vaccaro's and *Swissuniversities'* presidency.

Research and innovation at Universities of Applied Sciences

UAS4EUROPE represents more than two million students and 60,000 researchers in over 450 universities of applied sciences across Europe. "UAS4EUROPE works very hard for UAS to be seen and recognized for their practice-oriented research and innovation", Marjolijn Brussaard, President of the Executive Board of ArtEZ University of the Arts, explains. "We are the voice in Europe to claim our place alongside the universities, and to contribute together to finding solutions to the challenges societies face."

Two women in the lead

Together with Heidi Fagerholm, Rector and CEO at Oulu UAS, Marjolijn Brussaard will lead the network for the next two years with a special focus on the governance of the European Research Area (ERA) and the implementation of the upcoming innovation agenda. "It is exceptional that Heidi Fagerholm and I, two women, will lead the board of UAS4EUROPE", says Brussaard.



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