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## THE TECHNION JOINS EUROTECH UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE

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**Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, will join the EuroTech Universities Alliance as of 1 January 2019. Made public on the occasion of the Alliance’s annual High Level Event in Brussels on 6 November, the announcement follows the accession of France’s École Polytechnique to the Alliance in June 2018. This step increase in the Alliance’s membership base will further strengthen its position as pioneer for inter-university collaboration.**

“The EuroTech Universities are excellent research-based universities recognized within their innovation eco-systems as highly dynamic motors with an outstanding capacity to help translate basic research into societal solutions”, says Jan Mengelers, President of the EuroTech Universities Alliance. “With the EuroTech Universities Alliance, we are pooling our complementary research strengths and connecting our innovation eco-systems for more impact. Technion is a “perfect match” to join – and boost this joint endeavour, given its scientific excellence and vibrant innovation ecosystem.”

Boasting 84 ERC grants under the EU’s FP7 and Horizon 2020 programmes as well as 90 spin-off companies, Technion is a striking example of how excellent fundamental science translates into impact. “Technion is thrilled and honoured to join the EuroTech Universities Alliance”, says Technion President, Prof. Peretz Lavie. “We live in an era in which international and interdisciplinary collaborations are vital to the future of scientific research. We bring the ‘Technion way’ of doing things to this partnership: reaching our goals faster and with less resources. The combination with the great strengths of the other members of the alliance, which comprises an elite group of European universities similar to Technion, will help us ensure we are at the forefront of scientific research, benefiting millions worldwide.”

The EuroTech Universities Alliance stimulates collaboration across education, research and innovation, thereby increasing the attraction of global top talent needed to drive modernization, excellence and societal impact. For instance, the existing EuroTech Postdoc programme<sup>1</sup> provides 80 promising fellows unique access to the research expertise and infrastructures across the EuroTech Universities while at the same time offering exclusive entrepreneurship and mobility opportunities in several of Europe’s top high-tech eco-systems.

Today’s societal challenges can only be addressed by collaboration in education, research and innovation across the EU and internationally. Recognizing what alliances of universities can achieve when pooling resources and combining strengths, the European Commission launched a pilot scheme in support of European university networks on 24 October 2018. At its annual High-Level Event in Brussels on 6 November, the EuroTech Universities Alliance facilitated a very timely and encouraging debate on the role of university alliances in driving the ‘University of the Future’.

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<sup>1</sup> EuroTech Postdoc is one of the first cross-country fellowship programmes co-funded by the EU’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (MSCA grant agreement Nr 754462). Its second call will be published on the [Programme Website](#) on 30 November 2018.

## About the EuroTech Universities Alliance

The EuroTech Universities Alliance is a strategic partnership of leading universities of science and technology committed to excellence in research and jointly developing solutions to the grand challenges of society. The members are: Technical University of Denmark (DTU), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), École Polytechnique (L'X), Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) and Technical University of Munich (TUM).

By promoting in-depth collaboration across research and education, as well as nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship, the Alliance combines the complementary strengths of its members to achieve multi-scale initiatives of high impact to society and industry. The Alliance engages with all societal actors to raise awareness of the opportunities offered by science and technology.

## About the Technion

Founded in 1912, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology is Israel's first university. Today, Technion is acclaimed as the source of ingenuity behind Israel's status as the world's "Start-Up Nation". Technion innovation has a high global impact in areas including life-saving medicine, sustainable energy, water conservation, computer science, and nanotechnology. Technion, with 18 faculties and close to 60 research centres, offers degrees in science and engineering, architecture, medicine, industrial management, and education. To date, it has awarded over 100,000 degrees and has directly established over 90 companies. Its faculty numbers some 550 members, including three Nobel laureates, and it has an international reach that includes the Jacobs Technion–Cornell Institute in New York City, and the Guangdong Technion–Israel Institute of Technology in China.

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