



Dear Members of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts,

thank you very much for your kind and warm congratulations to the election of the new presidium of our Academy. Especially, let me thank all colleagues who, in the past, were engaged in the continuity and future of our Academy. I like to emphasize the sensible administration of Honorary Professor Dr. Spruzina as notary and curator as well as the great merits of the past president of the Academy, University Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Unger. In the future, loyalty and willingness to reform will be essential virtues for the continuity of our academy. In good democratic tradition, we have to integrate the various tendencies and to initiate the reform steps of our Academy altogether. During the election, the candidates for presidency and vice-presidency already contributed valuable impulses. There were also preliminary work for the reform of the election procedures and the reform of the by.laws. In a fair and trustful cooperation, we should realize the tasks of reform in collaborative efforts.

But, governance and legal rules are only the necessary condition for enabling the real scientific and artistic work of an academy. In an international competition of academies, the scientific and artistic excellence of our members in the different classes must become more visible. In the future, I like to ask you for your support and suggestions. As European Academy, we could consider the running agenda of the European Union (EU) in science and arts. But, I also like to underline the Agenda 2030 of the United Nations (UN) which highlight the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of our planet. The president of the EU, Ursula von der Leyen, demands the SDGs by the EU-commissioners. The Sustainable Development Goals could also be mapped in the classes of our Academy.

In Salzburg, we will at first be engaged in the constitution of the presidium and the bodies of the Academy. We rely on the loyalty of the secretariat in the presidential office, in order to ensure our work even in times of Corona.

With my very best wishes for you in the different countries of our international Academy

Yours

President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts