

Joint Statement
28th September 2020

The Rectors of the Arqus European University Alliance universities:

1. Universitetet i Bergen – represented by Prof. Dag Rune Olsen, Rector;
2. Universidad de Granada – represented by Prof. Pilar Aranda Ramírez, Rector;
3. Universität Graz – represented by Ao.Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr.iur. Martin Polaschek, Rector;
4. Universität Leipzig – represented by Prof. Dr. Beate Schücking, Rector;
5. Université de Lyon – represented by Prof. Stéphane Martinot, Provisional Administrator;
6. Università degli Studi di Padova – represented by Prof. Rosario Rizzuto, Rector;

Wish to salute the initiative taken by the Rector of Vilniaus universitetas, Prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas, as a partner of the Arqus Alliance, on the conferment of the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa to His Excellency, the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron.

Wish to express our shared recognition of the important contribution of President Macron to the future of universities in Europe by launching the idea of European University Alliances in 2017 and promoting it thereafter.

Wish to express our shared conviction that this initiative will have a lasting and profound impact on European Higher Education, as well as our great satisfaction at being active participants in the first pilot round.

And thus, wish to congratulate His Excellency the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, on the conferment of this much deserved honorary distinction, and Rector Petrauskas of Vilniaus universitetas, for his very fitting initiative.