



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
Minister of Education and Science

**TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION
ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME
CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020
CALL ID: EAC-A02-2019**

LETTER OF INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

in favor of the University of Economics – Varna with reference to the preparation, submission and implementation of a project proposal within the CATIA “Culture, Arts, Tourism Innovations Alliance” Alliance of European Universities

DEAR MADAMS/SIRS,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Sciences, I would like to express our support to the University of Economics – Varna to develop, submit and implement a project proposal for the establishment of a European University CATIA “Culture, Arts, Tourism Innovations Alliance” within the Erasmus+ program.

The higher education institutions in Republic of Bulgaria function in a dynamic and highly critical reality, which requires them to be more and more competitive in the ever-globalizing education market, and therefore they need to be more connected, to do more research and to invest in young teaching staff. One of the biggest challenges Bulgarian universities face is to be connected within European university networks, to be prepared for the digital transformation and artificial intelligence era, to change their curricula and to prepare for the lifelong learning.

I support the goals and missions of the European University project CATIA “Culture, Arts, Tourism Innovations Alliance” and confirm that the Ministry of Education and Science will provide operational support during the implementation phase of the project proposal for CATIA to be successful in preparing young people for the professions of the future.

KRASIMIR VALCHEV

Minister of Education and Science

