

To the Esteemed Members of the EHU Community,

With a heart full of mixed emotions, I write to share the difficult decision to resign from my position as Rector of the European Humanities University, effective February 29, 2024. This decision comes after much contemplation and is driven by the need to focus on pressing health issues, both personal and within my family, that necessitate my full attention.

During my tenure at EHU, we have collectively achieved milestones that have not only contributed to our institution's growth but have also fortified its foundation for future successes. Together, we have managed to secure a significant increase in funding, amassing 4 million EUR for the Trust Fund, 2.5 million EUR for ongoing and new projects, and an additional 0.5 million EUR in submitted applications, with decisions pending in the spring. Our efforts to broaden our donor base have ensured a more sustainable financial outlook for EHU, reflecting our community's unwavering dedication and hard work.

A highlight of our collaborative achievements includes the attainment of a seven-year institutional accreditation for the first time in EHU's history, marking a significant milestone that underscores the quality and potential of our academic offerings. The accreditation of two new programs in history and economics is a testament to our academic innovation and commitment to providing relevant, high-quality education.

I am particularly proud of our inclusive approach to university management, involving all stakeholders, including students and faculty, in the decision-making process. This has fostered a sense of community and shared purpose that I believe is crucial for the long-term success of any institution. The institutional reforms introduced during our time together have aimed at enhancing our operational efficiency and academic environment, ensuring that EHU remains a beacon of excellence and innovation.

As I prepare to step down, I do so with profound gratitude for the opportunity to have been a part of this extraordinary community. The accomplishments we have achieved together are the result of our collective effort, dedication, and passion for the mission of EHU. I am confident that the university will continue to thrive and reach new heights of success in the years to come.

Please know that my decision to resign is one made with heavy heart but also with the belief that it is in the best interest of my health and that of my family. I extend my deepest thanks to each of you for your support, collaboration, and friendship during my tenure as Rector. EHU holds a special place in my heart, and I look forward to seeing its continued success and impact in the future.

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude,

