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Dear Professor Murphy,

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds you in good health.

On behalf of the University of York, I am writing to congratulate the European Universities Association on the twentieth anniversary of its founding.

Over the past two decades, the EUA has created a fantastic platform for university cooperation and policy engagement. The EUA has played an important role by acting as a strong advocate for higher education institutions across Europe. Staff across the University of York have benefited immensely from the networking opportunities, forums for sharing best practice, and policy insights that EUA provides.

The Association's recent work, reflecting on how universities respond to - and drive- societal developments perfectly captures universities' role in their communities. We at the University of York are returning to our founding principles of being a university that exists to further the public good. I look forward to contributing-to and learning-from other university leads in discussions about how universities are evolving their teaching, community engagement, research, and innovation missions to adapt to these rapidly changing times.

Despite the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the University of York's enthusiasm for working with partners across Europe to achieve shared goals remains. Our dedication to engaging with partners in Europe has not wavered. This is evidenced by the York-Maastricht Partnership, our new relationship with CITY College in Thessaloniki, our close institutional research and mobility partnerships, and our city-to-city connections with Münster and Dijon.

Again, I congratulate the European Universities Association for twenty successful years and look forward to our continued cooperation in this important network.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Jeffery'.

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