

## Statements by the RMU Presidents and the Hessian and Rhineland-Palatinate Ministers of Science on the future of the Rhine-Main Universities

### **Professor Tanja Brühl, President of the Technical University of Darmstadt:**

"We conduct research in fields that are highly relevant to our society, we offer innovative teaching formats, and we have established a lively start-up and innovation culture. Our alliance of the Rhine-Main Universities will introduce and explain these topics even more intensely to society, politics, and the world of business. The keywords here are knowledge transfer and science communication. The RMU are collaborating partner universities that can make available the expertise of a very large number of researchers in various fields."

### **Professor Georg Krausch, President of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU):**

"In our RMU alliance, we have the opportunity to significantly take forward our universities in all areas. We will be able to sustainably further our shared vision – together with and for all members of our three universities. Through trust, good working relationships, and a clear outlook, we have successfully laid the foundations for this. Over the next few years, we intend to focus on extending our research priorities in the form of joint DFG Cluster of Excellence initiatives and, at the same time, work on identifying the unique features of the RMU in other areas, such as learning and teaching, the transfer of knowledge, and the promotion of young research talents."

### **Professor Enrico Schleiff, President of Goethe University Frankfurt:**

"The cooperation between our three universities in the RMU alliance allows us to pool the excellent resources we have to offer, while at the same time honoring the unique identity of each institution involved. The RMU are a vibrant academic hub complementing and inspiring one another, being close to each other also in terms of geographical distance. The alliance thus gives us the opportunity to make the Frankfurt/Rhine-Main metropolitan area an internationally visible research hub, characterized by the close collaboration of three large universities in the center of Germany, at the heart of Europe."

### **Angela Dorn, Hessian Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science, and the Arts:**

"The future of successful research lies in networking. By working together, the three RMU partner universities have thus embarked on a promising path for the future. We all know that it takes a lot of coordination and effort to join the forces of three universities at all levels of research and teaching, academic further education and administration. I clearly see the commitment here – and thus I'm truly optimistic about the future of the alliance

and very much look forward to seeing the Rhine-Main Universities continue with their process of consolidation. The universities are now embarking on the next stage of their collaborative journey and are placing emphasis on the fact that they plan to tackle global challenges together, even more intensively than they have done so far."

**Clemens Hoch, Rhineland-Palatinate Minister for Science and Health:**

"The alliance with the universities in Frankfurt and Darmstadt is a significant achievement for Mainz University in its aim to further enhance its reputation in the high-quality, differentiated Rhine-Main academic landscape. Thanks to the foundations that are already in place and that the partners will further build on, these three research-intensive universities boost the visibility of the Rhine-Main area as a dominant higher education and research hub in Germany with its own unique profile. I do see great potential in the RMU collaboration to explore the research fields of the future. I will be happy to support the RMU alliance on this journey!"

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