**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THEI2.0 DIGITAL BADGES**

*The* ***THEI2.0 Digital Badges*** *were developed in 2021 as part of the ERASMUS+ funded THEI2.0 project, led by the University of Aveiro.* ***They are designed to support Universities/HEIs in their efforts to become more entrepreneurial by helping raise awareness of the HEInnovate tool and its associated resources, increasing the tool’s usership and enhancing its overall impact.*** *The Digital Badges add value to Universities’/HEIs’ entrepreneurial endeavours by introducing participants to the unique THEI2.0 Profiling Model and encouraging them to develop and implement an effective entrepreneurial action plan for their organisation. As the Digital Badges recognise Individual, Team or Institutional entrepreneurial efforts, they can act as a valuable component to support internal staff and departmental evaluation processes. The award of a Digital Badge highlights entrepreneurial champions who are helping the HEI/University progress on its entrepreneurial journey.*

Dear THEI2.0 Digital Badge Committee

I wish to state my support for the application of:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Insert the name of the Individual OR Department/Group/Faculty OR Institution)

[If the letter of support is for a Department/Group/Faculty OR for the Institution, please insert the name of the contact person below]

**Name of contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To undertake the THEI2.0 [state whether Bronze, Silver of Gold] Digital Badge for :

**[insert University/HEI name here]:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By signing this letter of support, I confirm that I will support the above-named individual/Department/Group/Faculty to implement *HEInnovate* in our University/HEI and, where possible, facilitate resulting entrepreneurial activities. The Digital Badge Applicant agrees to keep me up to date with planned actions, and understands that Departmental or Institutional approval may be required in some cases. The identification and implementation of these actions should help further improve the entrepreneurial nature of our University/HEI.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail of University/HEI Line Manager of individual or Department/Group/Faculty Head or Dean)

**University/HEI Stamp:**