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**Statement Executive Board
regarding the research review of CLUE+**

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Subject: statement Executive Board regarding the research review of CLUE+

The Executive Board has received and considered the final report of the research evaluation of CLUE+, the interfaculty Research Institute for Culture, Cognition, History and Heritage of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. This evaluation covering the period 2014-2019 was conducted in the context of the recently published national Strategy Evaluation Protocol (SEP) 2021-2027. A self-evaluation report, written by CLUE+, together with interviews by an independent expert assessment committee carried out in January 2021, formed the basis of the assessment.

The Executive Board appreciates the thorough and careful assessment by the committee and is very pleased that CLUE+ has demonstrated success in achieving its strategic goals, including creating mass and enhancing interdisciplinary research, and that the quality of research is considered by the panel to be very good and in a significant number of cases even excellent. The societal relevance is considered outstanding with many collaborations with non-academic partners, in co-creation and citizen science, in outreach activities and its cultural and political significance.

The Executive Board received a written response to the assessment report from the chair of the board of Deans of CLUE+ and the institute director. This response, together with the report and the recommendations, was discussed in a meeting with them. The board supports the institute's plans in further enhancing the quality and relevance of the research, including the stronger focus on the university's profile theme Connected World.

Finally, the Executive Board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam wishes to express its gratitude to the international assessment committee for the considerable time and effort invested in this research evaluation and to the research unit for the diligent preparation.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the Executive Board



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