

Dear colleagues, students and partners,

2023 was a busy year for our University. In terms of education, the Paris-Saclay Apprentice Training Centre (CFA) opened for the first time. We have launched several projects as part of the government "compétences et métiers d'avenir" initiative, allowing us to train even more students in sectors which are under pressure, i.e. space and artificial intelligence. We have deployed an e-learning course to raise awareness about sexual and gender-based violence among our communities. The opening of the Lumen, a library shared between the University, CentraleSupélec and ENS Paris-Saclay, and the launch of a new housing platform, CASA, will also help to improve campus life.

In terms of research, our teams have, once again this year, been rewarded for the quality of their work, with numerous prizes and funding for major projects. For example, thanks to the strong involvement of our colleagues, the University and its partners are coordinating two University Hospital Institutes: one of which is dedicated to sepsis, and the other to oncology. An example of success in exploratory research, also co-led by the University, is the programme "Ensemble", dedicated to the future of digital collaboration.

2023 also saw the emergence of France's first biocluster, the Paris-Saclay Cancer Cluster, of which we are a founding member. To support education, research and innovation further, we established the Paris-Saclay Foundation, which will, as of 2024, accompany the entire University in its missions and commitments in sustainable development, social justice and equality.

In 2024, we will continue to train citizens together, push back the frontiers of knowledge and find solutions for the societal challenges of today and tomorrow. We are working to rebuild our student health service, to improve the healthcare provided across our campuses and reinforce our preventive actions. As part of a continued drive to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of our students and staff, the renovation of undergraduate teaching buildings will also take place in 2024, from the Vallée d'Orsay to Kremlin-Bicêtre, and including the Orsay IUT on the Plateau de Saclay. We will continue to decarbonise our activities and improve our energy performance, as per our commitments. We will also implement the University Innovation Cluster (PUI), allowing us to coordinate actions to develop research and education throughout the University.

2024 will also be the opportunity to take stock of the past four years since the creation of our University, with an external assessment to be carried out by the HCERES. There will also be many exciting and unforeseeable research results, and the deployment of top-quality programmes for the benefit of our students and society at large.

I wish you all an excellent New Year 2024.