

**Opening Session of the 23th PRO-VE Conference on
Collaborative networks in Digitalization and Society 5.0
Lisbon 19-21 September 2022**

On behalf of Politécnico de Lisboa i would like to express my sincere gratitude to the PRO-VE association for the organization of its 23th Conference in Lisbon.

This Working Conference on Virtual Enterprises with the theme “Collaborative Networks in Digitalization and Society 5.0”, is a contribute towards a global digitalized world.

We all face, in our lives, the effect and benefits of the world digitalization regarding the industry manufactured products and services.

It is obligation of the academy to contribute for the increase of the digitalization knowledge, as you say, *aiming a better people-centric super-smart society*.

Dear participants and colleagues

I would like to thank all the Committees involved in the organization of this conference:

The Scientific Committees, namely, the Program Committee Chair, Professor Camarinha Matos from the Universidade Nova de Lisboa;

The Organization Committee, in the person of Professor Luís Osório from the Politécnico de Lisboa;

I welcome all the invited keynote speakers and the people attending the conference.

The Polytech of Lisbon are grateful for your presence in Lisbon.

I am confident that this conference will be a place that can give birth to new ideas and contributes to foster a digitalized and collaborative society 5.0.

I wish you all great success for your work and, beyond the conference, I hope you will enjoy the city of Lisbon.

Thank You

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