

To the presidents  
of the CAEF member associations

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Dear colleagues

Another remarkable year in every respect is behind us. The badly needed recovery from the crisis, which hit our industry hard, proved to be exceptionally complex and challenging. While disruptions in the international supply chains still affect us directly and indirectly, the industrial transformation in Europe continues to gather pace. Partly, horrendous raw materials and energy prices are pushing us to the edge of economic viability and even beyond it. Europe's industrial policy in our highly interconnected world is shifting. The year 2022 will therefore be a key year for our industry.

Together with you and your national associations, we are tackling the important challenges of our time within the umbrella of CAEF. The systemic relevance of the foundry industry is unquestionable. Although we make up only a relatively small part of the manufacturing sector, almost all industries depend on our high-quality products, from the transport sector and mechanical engineering to the construction industry, medical technology and the energy sector. The transformation to an ecologically, economic and socially sustainable Europe cannot be achieved without cast products from our plants. Unfortunately, this fact is still not sufficiently anchored in the public and political perception. For the year 2022, it is important to intensify the exchange with political decision-makers. In addition to the acutely important topics of raw materials and energy security, it is up to us and our associations to present the advantages of our domestic cast production. For example, in addition to technical standards we must also set standards in terms of CO2 footprint. The calculation of this is imperative. Last, but not least we will take these steps to make our industry attractive to the younger generation. Let us

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together highlight our strengths of providing challenging and varied careers for all levels of qualification and intensify the training of the next generation, our future. Confident and open communication to the public is an essential building block to tackle the various challenges.

We warmly invite you to strengthen CAEF as a platform for an intensive exchange and as a mouthpiece to the outside world through your active participation.

We look forward to a close European cooperation and wish you a successful and above all healthy new year 2022!

Yours sincerely



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President of CAEF



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