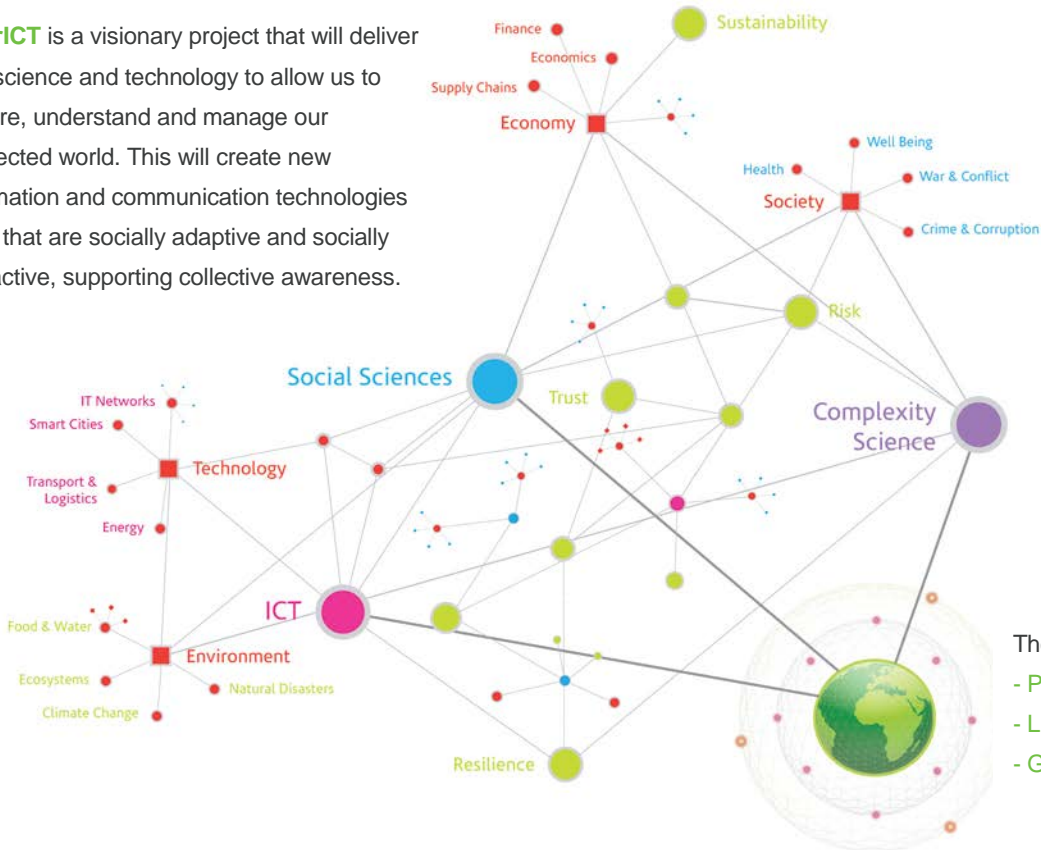




FuturICT is a visionary project that will deliver new science and technology to allow us to explore, understand and manage our connected world. This will create new information and communication technologies (ICT) that are socially adaptive and socially interactive, supporting collective awareness.



The FuturICT Platform:
 - Planetary Nervous System
 - Living Earth Simulator
 - Global Participatory Platform

The Innovation Accelerator

Building on the Global Participatory Platform and the Planetary Nervous System, FuturICT will create an Innovation Accelerator that will discover valuable knowledge in the flood of information, monitor the latest developments in science, detect emerging trends, identify innovations early on, help to find the best experts for projects, and support the distributed generation of new knowledge, hence promoting innovation. The Innovation Accelerator will speed up research, development, and the creation of new business opportunities. Through this, the Innovation Accelerator will significantly contribute to laying the foundations of a more innovative European Union. Through new ICT technologies, Innovation Scouts and Knowledge Transfer Supply Chains, the distance between academic inventions and innovations in the technological, social and political realm will be significantly reduced. In this way, transforming new ideas into new products will be much more efficient than today (currently this requires of the order of 30 years in many areas).

