

Thierry Van Landegem
Vice President
Global Operations Bell Labs

October 16, 2012

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of support to the FuturICT FET Flagship project proposal coordinated by Prof. Dirk Hebling from ETH Zurich, considering my responsibilities of Vice President, Global Operations Bell Labs.

Alcatel-Lucent is a leader in fixed, mobile and converged broadband networking, IP technologies, applications and services. A significant focal point of Alcatel-Lucent is R&D, spending about 15% of the revenue for R&D investment. With Bell Labs the company has one of the largest research, technology and innovation organizations focused on communications, designing products and services that are at the forefront of communications technology, and conducting fundamental research in fields important to communications. Bell Labs has produced more than 27 600 patents in its lifetime (2 100 in 2009 alone), seven Nobel prizes, nine U.S. Medals of Science, seven U.S. Medals of Technology, a Grammy and an Academy Award. Bell Labs is actively engaged in research cooperations in the different regions, taking part to consortia addressing short, medium and long terms research challenges.

Bell Labs is convinced by the potential technical and societal impact of the FuturICT FET Flagship and will be ready to actively contribute to the research developments. The contribution could be envisaged directly through programme participation and indirectly through potential cross-fertilization with other existing research programmes and projects.



Thierry Van Landegem
Vice President, Global Operations Bell Labs

..... Alcatel-Lucent 

600 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, 6A-502
MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY USA 07974

T: +1 908 582 3927
F: +1 908 582 6177

thierry.van_landegem@alcatel-lucent.com