

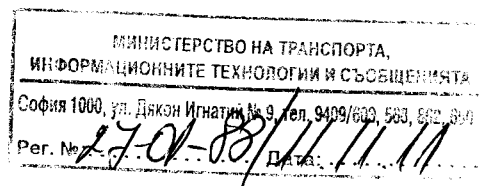


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**Subject: Letter of support for FuturICT**

Dear Mr. Boch,

By this letter I would like to express the institutional support of the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications who responsible for pursuing the state policy electronic communications and Information Society and supports the Bulgarian participation in the ICT theme of the Seventh Framework Programme to the FuturICT flagship pilot.

We agree that integrating ICT, Complexity Science and the Social Sciences will create a paradigm shift, facilitating a symbiotic co-evolution of ICT and society and appreciate the efforts to foster scientific cooperation between the EU member states, which we consider very useful for the Bulgarian research community and the EU as a whole.

We are aware that there is Bulgarian participation in the planned FuturICT pilot, namely the Institute of Mechanics at the Bulgarian Academy of Science (BAS). Overall, the Institute has participated in 13 scientific projects within the framework of the 4, 5, 6 and 7 FP of the EU and in 11 NATO projects. Two of them are international scientific networks of excellence of the European Commission with over 70 other scientific organizations as network partners. The area of activity of one large and integrated project is that of high technologies, another one deals with genomics and the last one covers education in the MEMC area in compliance with the Marie Curie program of the European Network. The Institute also operates 19 projects according to contracts for scientific exchange between BAS and academic institutions from England, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Israel, etc.

Finally, we believe that the FuturICT pilot is one of the most important initiatives that could underpin the research agenda at a national and European level.

Sincerely yours,

Valery Borissov

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