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**Regarding: Flagship project the FuturICT Knowledge Accelerator and Crisis-Relief System: Unleashing the Power of Information for a Sustainable Future (FuturICT)**

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Dear Professor Lars Kai Hansen,

On behalf of the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation, I wish to express my sincere congratulations on the latest development which the FuturICT project witnessed during the drafting phase of the proposal for the European Commission's FET Flagship.

In my view it has become clear that the planned topics and objectives of the project also relate to important fields of action in the Agency's aims to create knowledge in an increasingly globalised world and our vision to create the best possible conditions for researching, studying and innovating in Europe. A case in point is the Agency's funding possibilities through the National Research Councils in the field of engineering, natural, and social sciences.

Furthermore, I believe that cooperation with partners among the scientific stakeholders in large-scale international projects holds great potential for synergy and genuine break-through in research that could in time lead to smart cities, smart energy systems, smart health systems, as well as better financial architectures, based in the capacity to model complex systems and understand data.

Should further evaluation of the FuturICT project produce positive results and the European Commission decide in favour of funding FuturICT, I would be grateful if you could inform me accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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