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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of ENEA (Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development), I am writing to express my strong support for the scientific initiative "FuturICT", led by prof. Dirk Helbing (ETH Zurich) and presented at the FET Flagship initiative.

ENE A considers the themes at the bases of the FuturICT project of great relevance and central with respect to its institutional goals: the advancement of new technologies for the support to the creation of a sustainable growth. The aims of FuturICT are ambitious and embrace a number of areas where ENE A is very actively involved: among them the "Smart City" paradigm, the protection of Critical Infrastructures as central elements for ensuring citizens well being, climatological studies to evaluate impact of new technologies and the strategic options for driving economic growth, pervasive ICT tools for increasing the impact that new technologies can have on societies. As such, I believe that ENE A could make a relevant scientific contribution to the project from which, in turn, could extract new ideas to be implemented in new tools and services to citizens.

In this respect, ENE A will committ to support the project by letting available competences and experiences of its scientists from its different Technical Units.

The Agency will support the FuturICT initiative and will directly contribute to the definition of the themes and the technological objectives to be pursued.

In order to provide a necessary front-end between the Agency and the FuturICT project team, I indicate

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I would like to further remark the relevance of the FuturICT goals and the ambitious and visionary turn of mind expressed by prof. Helbing in his proposal, aiming at providing new perspectives for the ICT development in support and sustain to societal growth.

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