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EPFL support for FutureICT

Dear Professor Helbing,
Dear Professor Bishop,

With this letter EPFL expresses and confirms its endorsement and financial commitment to join the FutureICT program as a core signing partner. EPFL as an engineering school highly recognizes and values the importance of interdisciplinary research as envisaged in the program.

FutureICT is fully aligned with EPFL's objective to ensure the societal relevance and impact of its engineering research. EPFL will be represented in FutureICT through its School of Computer and Communication Sciences, a strategic pillar of EPFL and one of the top IT departments in Europe with 30% of the faculty enjoying an ERC grant, the highest ratio in Europe. The school has strong expertise in core areas relevant for FutureICT, such as environmental monitoring, cloud computing and computational trust.

EPFL will contribute **€ 500'000.-** per year as own contribution. The contribution will be in form of time spent by faculty members and senior researchers participating in FutureICT, and the use of EPFL infrastructure.

EPFL fully endorses the vision of FutureICT of making our planet a safer place by better understanding the complex mechanisms that drive its evolution and taking full advantage of the new means data-driven science promises to offer today. EPFL is looking forward in participating in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Aebischer', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Patrick Aebischer