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Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

I wish to confirm that the Global Brain Institute expresses strong support for the FuturICT 2.0 project, which is being coordinated by the National Research Council of Italy with the participation of outstanding EU institutions and ETH Zurich in Switzerland.

The Global Brain can be defined as the distributed intelligence emerging from the Internet. The Global Brain Institute (GBI) was founded in 2012 at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) to research this phenomenon. The GBI uses scientific methods to better understand the global evolution towards ever-stronger connectivity between people, software and machines. These include mathematical modeling, computer simulation, and the survey and analysis of on-going social and technological developments centered on the Internet.

The grand challenges that the FuturICT 2.0 project wants to investigate are closely aligned with GBI's own research interests. The GBI is performing extensive studies of collective intelligence, digital democracy, the sharing economy, and the use of self-organization to support coordination within communities and the Internet of Things. These are all topics addressed by the FuturICT 2.0 project and therefore GBI is looking forward to further collaboration, if the project is successfully funded.

Yours sincerely,

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director of the Global Brain Institute