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**Letter of Support**

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the FuturICT2.0 proposal, which I understand is to be submitted to the FLAG-ERA Joint Transnational Call 2016.

A few words about myself: I am an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Informatics at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI). The Faculty was only founded in 2004, but has already established itself as the third largest computer science research center in Switzerland – in terms of faculty size, competitive funding, and student numbers –, closely behind the two Swiss Federal Institutes of Science, the ETH Zurich and EPFL in Lausanne. I have been working on privacy in pervasive computing systems for over 15 years – my early work in this space has received over 1200 citations in Google Scholar (my complete publications have received over 5500 citations, for an h-level of 37). I have served as General Chair or Program Chair for most major conferences in the field, including PerCom, Pervasive, and UbiComp, and serve on the Steering Committee of the UbiComp conference series. I am also a regular member of Swiss parliamentary expert groups in the area of data protection (e.g., Federal Privacy Law Evaluation Expert Group in 2010/2011, Federal Privacy Law Revision Expert Group 2012-2014).

The FuturICT2.0 proposal reflects much of the research performed by my group here at USI, ranging from the EU FET-Open project "RECALL – Enhanced Human Memory Recall" (grant number 612933), which investigates how ubiquitous capture (lifelogging) can measurably augment human memory and for which my group works on privacy interfaces and architectures (re deliverable 2 – design for values), to the SNF-funded "SHARING21 – Future Digital Sharing Interfaces" (grant number 156406), which focuses on next generation user interfaces to safely share not only digital experiences but also physical artefacts through digital services (re deliverable 5 – circular economy and sharing economy). I thus wholeheartedly support this project and confirm herewith my group's interest in collaborating with the FuturICT2.0 team. I believe this type of research to be highly fruitful and essential to future societal development.

Sincerely,

Marc Langheinrich