

Il Direttore

To whom it may concern

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I hereby confirm the interest and willingness of IRES Piemonte to support the initiative "Candidate Flagship FuturICT", coordinated by Prof. Dirk Helbing and Prof. Steve Bishop.

The action areas of the FuturICT Flagship are fundamental to enhance the sustainability of our Society. Both design and instantiations in practical situations of the relationships between ICT and human organizations are crucial for guaranteeing higher sustainability levels.

Whereas technological development is progressing at a speedy pace, human organizations are moving slower: re-aligning the evolution of the two systems is therefore a main challenge. This has been a main research issue also in IRES for the last 10 years.

Founded in 1958, IRES Piemonte is the public research agency of Regione Piemonte, supporting policy activities and leveraging the appropriation of scientific knowledge by governmental bodies.

A core group of 40 fully employed researchers carry out activities dealing with socioeconomic, spatial and environmental issues, in the span between basic and applied research, in a multidisciplinary way, also through international cooperative work.

We look forward to contributing our competences as the Flagship develops.

Yours sincerely,

Marcello La Rosa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcello La Rosa".