



Re: FuturICT

19th Oct. 2011

To whom it may concern,

As manager of the Irish Software Innovation Network, I wish to confirm our interest and strong support for the FuturICT proposal.

ISIN is open to all software companies with the intention to help them to bridge the gap that often exists between the business world and the academic world. Better alignment of the two parties will improve collaboration and knowledge transfer. ISIN helps to form clusters of academics, indigenous software companies and multi-national corporations to address particular problems posed by industry in a collaborative fashion. The goal of ISIN is to foster close linkages between industry and Third Level research, enable effective knowledge flows between all involved and stimulate collaborative, focused attention to common problems.

Building on our previous interactions with the FSIC in UCC and with JB McCarthy and recognising the opportunity that now exists for Ireland to participate in FuturICT, ISIN is delighted to support this initiative and will promote the participation of Irish companies in the project. FuturICT's ambition of combining advances in computer science and related technologies with novel approaches to social sciences is very much in line with the existing interests and activities of ISIN, especially since the stated aim of FuturICT is to use these breakthroughs to solve important 'real world' issues.

ISIN will promote the initiative across the members of ICT Ireland, ISIN members (many of whom are small and medium-sized enterprises), as well as its 1,000 member LinkedIn group.

In conclusion, the ISIN reaffirms its support for this initiative, which will represent an important stepping stone to help SME's become more involved in EU research programs.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Martin,

Irish Software Innovation Network Manager