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## FET FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE "FuturICT"

### Letter of Intent

Dear Prof. Bishop,

As the KU Leuven Vice-Rector of research policy, I hereby express our strong interest in the FuturICT FET Flagship pilot, and confirm that Belgium's largest and most international university is fully committed to support the forthcoming FuturICT initiative. The initiative, which is supposed to have an important impact on society, entails a number of research challenges that are well in line with the research expertise and interests of among others the members of our LICT research centre and application groups (contact person: Prof. Yolande Berbers and Dr. Jan Ramon). KU Leuven therefore aspires a solid involvement of LICT in the FuturICT FET Flagship and is committed to making the initiative a success as it will create major opportunities for future research activities.

In view of the above, it is my pleasure to let you know that KU Leuven – should the FuturICT pilot initiative be selected as one of the two FET Flagship projects which will develop into a full FET-Flagship initiative and should KU Leuven be included as a full/core partner involved in activities furthering actual LICT research lines – intends to provide supplementary budgets to its principle investigators involved in the initiative. To this end, KU Leuven is considering supplementary budgets amounting to € 0.5 million during the ramp-up phase of 30 months and to an amount ranging between € 0.5 and € 1.5 million for the steady state phase (the latter depending on the actual design and size of the research activities of LICT groups in FuturICT); of course provided that KU Leuven remains a full/core partner at all times and that the KU Leuven share in the EC contribution to the FET Flagship initiative will at least equal the eventual overall additional amount made available by KU Leuven (the latter thus being an amount ranging somewhere between € 1 million and 2 million). For the sake of clarity: said amounts will be made available in addition to any other in kind contribution by KU Leuven to the account of existing project funding.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Dr. Peter Marynen  
KU Leuven Vice-Rector for Research Policy