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RE. Letter of support for the EU flagship proposal FuturIC

To whom it may concern

This is a letter confirming that the Medical University of Vienna is interested in the FuturICT project and its participation in the FET Flagship competition. Our Medical University, with its Section for Science for Complex Systems, would be ideally suited to act as the coordination hub for Austria and Slovenia. We are also actively engaged in several of the scientific topics that are addresses in the FuturICT initiative. For our University, the greatest benefit will come from a greater exploration of several public health related issues as well as epidemiologic questions which are rooted in social mass phenomena, such as migration and opinion formation, and which are still only poorly understood. Any progress in early warning systems in these areas would greatly benefit not only science but also public health in general. Our Medical University is in possession of an efficient infrastructure capable of coordinating international projects, and acting as the coordination hub for Austria and Slovenia would be an honor and privilege for us. For these reasons the Medical University of Vienna is proud to participate in the FuturICT initiative.

Sincerely yours



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