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Letter of Support for FuturICT Flagship Project

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As director of the Niels Bohr Institute (NBI), The University of Copenhagen, I am writing to express NBI's great interest in and strong support for the FET Flagship Project, FuturICT.

The ambitious, interdisciplinary nature of the FuturICT project resonates strongly with a number of important research themes that are essential to NBI's mission, including an explicit goal of strengthening research into the complexity of science, as well as the ambition to harness insights from scientific breakthroughs in order to address complex real-world problems; to generate value for society. We will therefore co-finance FuturICT related PhD projects at NBI with DKK 1 million for a three year ramp up phase. We note that a number of our research staff possesses expertise that we hope could contribute substantially to the academic and engineering challenges faced by the exciting and ambitious undertaking that you have embarked upon.

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In particular, we believe that FuturICT's ambition of utilizing advances in Information Technology to build novel approaches for measurement and experiments in the social sciences is particularly in line with the research currently carried out at the Complexity group at NBI.

Once again, NBI is strongly committed to supporting FuturICT and hopes to have the opportunity to build a relationship that includes active participation as the program continues to develop.

Yours sincerely,

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