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Dear JB,

Science Foundation Ireland is the main research funding organization in Ireland. SFI's budget up 2013 is approximately €1.4 billion. An appreciable part of SFI's science and engineering research investments go towards, or have been committed to, thematic areas that include the following: semantic networks and semantic web, future internet, data analytics, e-health, e-infrastructures including smart cities and smart grid, information security, and software engineering in safety critical, evolving systems. Sectoral areas range over banking, health, environment and energy, among other areas, and include open linked data environments, and integrated sensor intelligence.

In this context, I am pleased to write in support of the FuturICT initiative. With its whole system focus, and its innovative approach to complexity, it is responding to the needs of our time in regard to social need, including the needs of our economy. In general terms, the fit of FuturICT with SFI's portfolio of research investments is excellent.

I wish FuturICT every success in its pilot phase.

Yours sincerely,

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