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Letter of Support for FuturICT Flagship Project

Dear Prof. Helbing,

As Provost of the Technical University of Denmark (DTU), I am writing to express DTU's great interest in and strong support for the FET Flagship Project, *FuturICT*.

Since the foundation in 1829, our university has been dedicated to developing a vibrant center for science and engineering research and education. With a large internationally recognized research staff of around 2500 individuals (including more than 1000 PhD students), DTU is now ranked as one of the foremost technical universities in Europe.

The ambitious, interdisciplinary nature of the FuturICT project resonates strongly with a number of important research themes that are essential to DTU's mission, including an explicit goal of strengthening research into quantitatively based social 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 projects at DTU with DKK 1 million annually 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.

In particular, we believe that FuturICT's ambition of utilizing advances in Computer Science and 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 e.g. the DTU Department of Informatics and Mathematical Modelling.

Once again, DTU 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. Our letter of support reflects the information available at the date of signature.

Yours sincerely,



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Provost, Chief Academic Officer