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letter of support

"I, the undersigned, Prof. Dr. Sibrand Poppema, President of the University of Groningen, express herewith on behalf of the Board of the University of Groningen our strong support for the FuturICT FET Flagship initiative.

The FuturICT vision to combine complexity science with extensive ICT tools to address fundamental as well as socially urgent socio-economic problems provides a pioneering new scientific paradigm for the 21st century. The FutureICT effort links up well with focal research areas at the University of Groningen, notably with the universities' focus on sustainable energy and sustainable society. Moreover, internationally leading research groups at our university are willing to support the FutureICT initiative with their work, for example research groups in the areas of Sociology, Scientific Visualization and Computer Graphics, Self-organisation in biological social systems, or Multi-agent Systems in Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Engineering. These groups will be supported by the university in their efforts to foster the FutureICT initiative."

Prof.dr. Sibrand Poppema  
President