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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### **Letter of Support: FET Flagship – FuturICT**

With this letter we would like to underline the strong support of the Institute of Mechanics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences to the FuturICT project and its candidature for the FET Flagship programme.

Institute of Mechanics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences is the leading national research organization in the area of mechanics, nonlinear dynamics, nonlinear time series analysis and their applications. Through the research of Prof. Nikolay K. Vitanov and his collaborators our Institute participates actively in the national and international research on the application of the methods of mathematics and physics to the problems of social dynamics and economics. Thus the Institute of Mechanics has the core of scientists and the infrastructure to support the broad vision and scope of the FuturICT and to participate actively for achieving the goals of the FuturICT.

In addition the Institute of Mechanics has capability to create and coordinate the Bulgarian national hub of FuturICT and to integrate it in the future FuturICT clusters. Responsibility for this will assume our Vice Managing Director and Director for Science and Corporate Relations Prof. Vitanov.

Finally I would like to wish success to the proposal and my best wishes to the entire network of the supporters which spreads from the BAR ILAN University from Israel to the South through the ETH Zürich to the University College London and the London School of Economics to the North and from Institute for New Economic Thinking (USA) to the West to our Institute to the East.

With my kind regards

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