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Dear Dr. Helbing

As chairman of the Partnership for European Environmental Research (PEER), I would like to express the strong interest and support of PEER for your "FuturIcT" flagship initiative.

The PEER group consists of seven of the main European environmental research institutes¹, many of which are involved in the complex interaction between climate, environment and society. One of our goals is to strengthen the European environmental research thanks to our institutes' collaborations, especially by participating in projects with strong external partners in areas that are relevant to our researchers. We see the flagship project as an opportunity to strengthen the inter-disciplinary research that is much needed in the field, and we would be happy to be involved in this initiative.

Thank you for your effort in bringing this project proposal forward, and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henrik Sandbech', written in a cursive style.

Henrik Sandbech

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¹ National Environmental Research Institute, Denmark; ALTERRA, The Netherlands; Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Great Britain. SYKE, Finland; UFZ, Germany; Cemagref, France; JRC-IES, European Commission, Italy