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Dirk Helbing, FuturICT.

Dear Dirk,

The FuturICT program will be a game changer at many levels. It offers an unprecedented opportunity to qualitatively change our understanding of complex socio-economic systems. At the same time it is an unique opportunity for Europe, allowing it to suddenly gain absolute and uncontested leadership in this important area. Given the many difficulties the world faces these days, many of which are rooted in a lack of understanding of complex interconnected systems, this could not come at a more opportune time.

I view the opportunities offered by FuturICT one that emerges only once in a lifetime. Hence, should the program be selected for a Flagship, I will be delighted to return to Europe for at least four months each year. Given my other travels, this means that I would be effectively spending half of my professional time in Europe. I feel that the responsibilities that I accepted in the FuturICT project warrant such change.

Looking forward to working with you and many other European colleagues on this incredible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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