



Rome, October 20, 2011

To Wolfgang BOCH  
European Commission  
DG – INFSO / FET-Proactive

Cc: Prof. Dirk Helbing  
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Dear Dr. Boch,

the Department of ICT of the Italian National Research Council (CNR) represents the Italian partner within the FuturICT Coordination Action. As claimed in the letter of support dated October 25, 2010, this project is of strategic interest for our as well as other Departments in CNR. It well fits the main research directions followed within our Department - from data mining to simulation platforms and agent based modeling to cite a few - but is also transversal to the activities deployed in other Departments and Laboratories. What is more, it strongly converges on the mission of a subset of CNR Institutes, as is the case of the many that expressed a strong will to be involved in the Project at different levels.

In particular, the Institute for Informatics and Telematics of CNR, which also manages the Registry for domain names for Italy, clearly links to FuturICT, thanks to its main research activities in Web Applications for the Future Internet, Governance of Future Internet, Ubiquitous internet, Algorithms and Computational Mathematics. As Director of the IIT, in full agreement with the Director of the ICT Department of CNR who also signs this letter and with the consent of the IIT Scientific Committee, I intend to allocate €1M (one million) per year for the first two years of the Flagship's lifetime, in the understanding that these will be crucial for the launch of the project.

Looking forward to FuturICT winning the second round of the competition, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the radical innovation in research funding introduced by the FET Unit while launching the Flagship initiative.

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Best regards.

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