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Subject: Endorsement letter to formally support the FET-Flagship proposal "FuturICT".

The Institute of Information Sciences and Technologies INS2I of the French National Centre of Scientific Research CNRS is aware that the "FutureICT" Project is one of the six Pilot Actions selected by the EU Commission to prepare for a large scale FET Flagship project. CNRS believes that this project, if granted, would help to understand and manage complex, global, socially interactive systems. Such systems can drastically transform and strengthen our societies' adaptiveness, resilience, and sustainability.

ICT and environmental problems are on the top of the French Strategic Agenda of research and innovation and CNRS is a foremost actor in the area of ICT in France, running over 40 research laboratories in the area as well as several research networks, and is strongly involved in interdisciplinary efforts with other areas such as environmental sciences and engineering sciences.

Based on this alignment of priorities with the project perspectives CNRS strongly supports the Flagship project FutureICT.

Yours faithfully,

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