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To whom it may concern

As President and members of the Board of Directors of the Research Foundation “Istituto Carlo Cattaneo”, we hereby confirm our interest and willingness to participate and support the research group “FuturICT” for the FET-ICT initiative of the EU.

We firmly believe that the scientific issues that FuturICT intends to address are crucially relevant in order to discover and develop new paradigms in social and economic sciences with the rigorous methods of mathematics and physics. We foresee useful applications of the main topics carried out by “FuturICT” under those visionary yet realistic plans toward a sustainable society.

The expertises actually working at the Istituto Carlo Cattaneo have the necessary interdisciplinary nature to work and collaborate on research themes like: immigration policy, criminality, political participation, welfare policies, public administration, political economy and economic behaviour. Moreover, the investment that the Foundation is making toward the merging of “hard sciences” with “soft/social sciences” matches perfectly the FuturICT “research soul”.

The reference academics within our organization are:

Elisabetta Gualmini, President of the Cattaneo Institute and Professor of Political Science at the University of Bologna;

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Best regards.

Prof. Elisabetta Gualmini

