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Dear Professor Helbing,

In this letter, as the Rector of the Corvinus University of Budapest, I am delighted to provide my strongest support for the FuturICT FET Flagship Initiative.

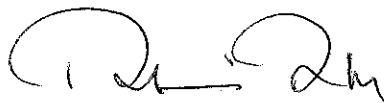
Our university is considered as the best training and research institution in economics, management, and in many areas of social and natural sciences in Hungary. Hungary and its universities have been shaken strongly by the current financial crisis. We realize that our accumulated scientific knowledge using traditional research methods have not been sufficient to understand and predict the scale and nature of the crisis and we need to keep up with the challenge of complex socio-economic problems today.

From this perspective, we are delighted to provide support and be part of the promising FuturICT FET Flagship Initiative that is a joint effort of natural and social scientists and builds on the power of network science and computational methods that have the credible promise of assisting us in better explaining and predicting of socio-economic and environmental problems of our times and of the future.

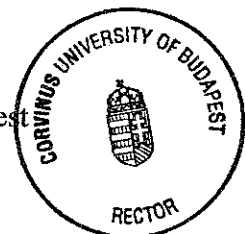
We are certain that the FuturICT Initiative will strengthen bonds between different institutions in Hungary and in Europe with various expertise that could largely benefit science and people of the European Union.

The Corvinus University of Budapest will be represented in the Hungarian hub by our Vice Rector for Education, Prof. Dr. Zoltán Szántó, and by Ass. Prof. Dr. Károly Takács, Director of the Research Center for Educational and Network Sciences (RECENS), experts in social network analysis, network science, corruption research and agent based simulation.

Sincerely yours,



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