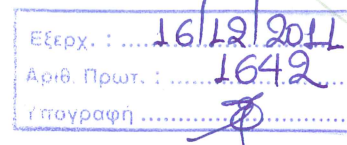




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Dear Prof. Helbing,

The Institute of Computer Science (ICS) of the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH) is pleased to affirm its strong support and interest in the FuturICT FET Flagship.

FORTH, established in 1983, is one of the largest research centers in Greece, with world class facilities and top-ranked researchers and highly qualified personnel. It functions under the supervision of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology of the Hellenic Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs, and consists of seven Research Institutes located in 4 cities in the periphery of Greece. FORTH-ICS has an internationally acknowledged reputation of excellence in conducting basic and applied research, developing applications and products, providing services, and playing a leading role, in Greece and internationally, in the fields of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). ICS has been repeatedly ranked as a top-quality research institute in Greece in the context of periodic evaluations conducted by external committees of experts under the auspices of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology.

FuturICT is of strategic interest to the research agenda of FORTH-ICS, which includes many highly relevant topics, such as Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery from Data, Knowledge Representation and Reasoning, Scalable Architectures and GRID Systems, Social Network Analysis and Visualization, Internet Epidemics, Computational Perception, Cognitive Robotics, Biomimetic Locomotion and Control, Bioinformatics, Human-Computer Interaction, Design for All and Universal Access, Ubiquitous Computing and Pervasive Multimedia, Inclusive Online Communities, Wireless Sensor Networks, and Ambient Intelligence (AmI).

As the Director of FORTH-ICS, I intend to fully support the Institute's contributions to FuturICT throughout the Flagship's lifetime, including access to FORTH-ICS's state-of-the-art 3M Ambient Intelligence Research Facility, in the understanding that participatory platforms form a crucial part of FuturICT, as well as to the high-performance computing and other laboratory infrastructures of our Institute.



Kind regards,

Professor Constantine Stephanidis
Director, FORTH-ICS

