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To Whom It May Concern;

Object: FuturICT2.0 proposal, to be submitted to the FLAG-ERA Joint Transnational Call 2016

I am writing to express the enthusiastic support of the Interdisciplinary Institute of Data Science (IDIDS) that I co-direct with Professor Antonietta Mira at the University of Italian Switzerland (USI) for the FuturICT2.0 proposal that will be submitted to the Flag-Era Joint Transnational Call 2016.

The IDIDS is the most recent institute established at the University of Italian Switzerland, Lugano with the mission of encouraging interdisciplinary research in data science, data analytics and related areas across conventional academic disciplines. As such, the IDIDS would be directly interested in the outcomes of the project that is being proposed and would be honored to be directly involved in the production and dissemination of such results. In my view, the initiative promises to transform in a fundamental way our current thinking about how technology and society shape each other and coevolve.

The FuturICT2.0 project would be central to many of the research areas covered by the IDIDS such as, for example, machine learning, social networks, numerical simulation, and information retrieval. I am looking forward with enthusiasm to this exciting project that represents the cutting edge of a new collective knowledge creation enterprise sustained by the vision of an exceptional team of prominent scientists.

The endorsement of – and commitment to the project that the IDIDS will be able to offer in terms of logistics, infrastructure, active participation to research activities, conferences and organization of knowledge transfer events, would be assured throughout the duration of the project.

Sincerely,

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