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To Wolfgang BOCH
European Commission
DG – INFSO / FET-Proactive

Cc: Prof. Dirk Helbing
ETH - Zurich

Dear Dr. Boch,

Altran Italia S.p.A, the Italian branch of Altran Group, is interested in supporting the FuturICT Coordination Action.

Altran Group is a multinational company offering consultancy in Innovation Technology to major enterprises worldwide, with over 17,000 employees working in 100 active branches in 20 European countries, in the Unites States, America and Asia.

Altran was founded in 1982 and since 1987 has been listed on the Paris stock exchange.

Altran Group has three major business lines: technology and innovation consulting, organization and information systems consulting, strategy and management consulting.

Altran is present in Italy since 1996 and It has key clients in the Energy, Transportation, Telecommunication, Media, Bank, Insurance and Public Administration sectors.

With more than 2.100 employees, it is headquartered in Rome and has other 13 offices all over Italy: Turin, Milan, Pisa, Naples, Genoa, Bologna, Catanzaro, Brindisi, Palermo, Trieste, Ivrea and Florence. The turnover in 2010 was over 150 million Euro and continues to grow.

Altran Italia has relationships with the most prestigious Italian universities. Partnerships with academia represent Altran Italia desire and commitment to be present in these realities. They facilitate the transfer of technology and achieve high levels of scientific and technological innovation. Collaboration with universities allow to share ideas, patents and know-how to develop projects and innovative solutions.

This project is of strategic interest for our company because it will provide innovative methods and instruments to improve the economy of the involved Countries.

In particular, we strongly support the mission of FuturICT to unify hundreds of the best scientists in Europe and foster their scientific cooperation to enable planetary scale simulations of our socio economic system, thus resulting in massive empowerment to decision support and enhancing prospects for a sustainable future.

For these reasons, as COO of *Altran Italia S.p.A.*, I intend to allocate the work of specialized staff of n. 15 FTE per year corresponding to a total eligible costs amount of about 700.000,00 Euro per year for the first 2/3 years of the Flagship's lifetime, in the understanding that these will be crucial for the launch of the project.

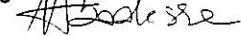
Looking forward to FuturICT winning the second round of the competition, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the radical innovation in research funding introduced by the FET Unit while launching the Flagship initiative.

Best Regards

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