



Re: FuturICT

9th Oct. 2011

To whom it may concern,

As Director of the Irish Software Association, I wish to conform our interest and strong support for the FuturICT proposal.

ISA is an industry association within the Irish Business and Employers' Confederation (IBEC), the principal national umbrella organisation for businesses and employers in Ireland, and ICT Ireland, the representative group for Irish high-technology and knowledge-based industry. The ISA provides a powerful united voice for the software sector to enable companies to build their ability to scale, increase funding levels in the sector and push the sector's requirements in the political sphere in a coherent and coordinated manner.

Building on our previous interactions with the FSIC in UCC and with JB McCarthy and recognising the opportunity that now exists for Ireland to participate in FuturICT, the ISA is delighted to support this initiative and will promote the participation of Irish companies in the project. FuturICT's ambition of combining advances in computer science and related technologies with novel approaches to social sciences is very much in line with the existing interests and activities of the ISA, especially since the stated aim of FuturICT is to use these breakthroughs to solve important 'real world' issues.

ISA will promote the initiative across the members of ICT Ireland, members of the ISA, ISIN members (many of whom are small and medium-sized enterprises), as well as its extensive LinkedIn group.

In conclusion, the ISA reaffirms its support for this initiative, which will represent an important stepping stone to help indigenous and multinational software firms with a base in Ireland become more involved in EU research programs.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Sweetman', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul Sweetman,

Director

Irish Software Association