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Dear Dr. Boch,

Poland strongly supports scientific goals of the planned *FutuICT* FET Flagship Project as an cutting-edge international multidisciplinary scientific initiative focused on symbiotic co-evolution of ICT systems and society. We are convinced that the project will unleash the collective expertise of participating scientists from ICT, social science and complex systems research domains and its results will give a background for a new generation of globe-spanning socially intelligent ICT solutions.

Our country possesses a long tradition and a substantial potential in interdisciplinary studies related to *FutuICT* research targets. The project has already evoked a large interest among many Polish research groups working on interdisciplinary applications of complex systems theory and in data-driven modeling of techno-socio-economic structures. A cluster of research groups from several Polish Universities, including Warsaw University of Technology, University of Warsaw and Jagiellonian University as well as Institutes of Polish Academy of Sciences, and private companies has declared its willingness in the project participation and it will be jointly involved in the Flagship.

FutuICT project is well fitting to several Polish national priorities and the Polish government has already been supported the research that is in-line with *FutuICT* aims by providing funds for a number of RTD projects that running in Poland as a part of the 7th EU Framework Programme or that are carried out in the frame of local initiatives developed by Polish researchers. **We guarantee financial support available for Polish teams involved in *FutuICT* Projects to cover the expected costs from the Polish side.**

I wish that the *FutuICT* Project will be set in motion and that it meets its visionary research targets.

Sincerely yours

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