

To Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Dear Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing,

We would like to express our strongest support for the FuturICT initiative coming from the PROGNOZ company, a world-leading Business Intelligence solutions provider employing over 1,000 professionals in 9 countries in Europe, Asia, North America and Africa.

PROGNOZ is applying fundamental research and state-of-the-art ICT to develop world-class software products for monitoring, analysis and forecasting of economic, industrial and financial processes. We emerged in 1991 from academia – Perm State National Research University – and keep closest relations by teaching and conducting research on affiliated Master and PhD programs based on the Chair of Information System and Mathematical Methods in Economics.

Having among our customers thought-leaders such as International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, OECD, Bermuda Monetary Authority, etc. we see great demand for the ICT solutions to predict, control, decision support or otherwise cope with large-scale complex socio-economic systems.

The goals of FuturICT are perfectly correlated our "DNA", and we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to join the FutureICT Flagship. There are several contributions we think we can bring:

- PROGNOZ maintains one of the largest databases in the world for socio-economics information compiling more than 200 data sources, which could be accessed under a special agreement by FuturICT project's members,
- connection with a pool of talents in Russian universities and research centers PROGNOZ and Perm State National Research University might act as a local hub to leverage FuturICT activities in Russia,
- powerful Prognoz BI Platform for data management and simulation to be one of the component of global FuturICT IT architecture,
- co-funding of FuturICT projects up to \$1M per year.

We are looking forward to discuss the possible areas of cooperation and wish you every success in your remarkable initiative.

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. Dmitry Andrianov,
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Head of the Chair of Information Systems
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