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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE FET FLAGSHIP PROPOSAL "FUTURICT"

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to express the explicit interest of Salzburg Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH in the FuturICT Flagship initiative.

Salzburg Research is a non-profit research technology organization specialized in applied research and development in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT) and New Media.

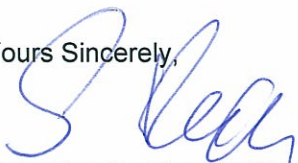
Our institution, owned by the federal state of Salzburg, envisions to engage in the visions sketched out in FuturICT and will involve several of our key scientists. Should FuturICT materialize it is strongly intended to support it institutionally in all possible ways, especially in terms of research infrastructure and matching grants.

With four fields of research, two competence centers, and one competence focus, Salzburg Research covers a vast area of scientific expertise. Our strength lies in a successful interdisciplinary combination of different fields ranging from technological research and development to socio-economic strategy and market research and target-group specific coaching and communication measures.

FuturICT especially will be supported with the scientific expertise in two of our departments:

The "Advanced Networking Center" has its focus on planning, development and supervision of reliable networks, particularly stable Internet protocol networks, while the "Knowledge and Media Technologies" group addresses the latest developments arising from the interplay of social media, content management and semantic technologies.

Yours Sincerely,



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