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Dear Professor Steven Bishop,

As the Vice-Rector of the Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, Romania I hereby confirm our utmost interest in and strong support for the proposal FuturICT Flagship.

Spiru Haret University (<u>www.spiruharet.ro</u>) is a higher education institution, a legal person of private law and public utility, a part of the national education system, accredited by the Act 443/2002.

Our university has adopted the ideals and principles set forth by the Magna Carta Universitatum, ratified in Bologna in 1988, which advocates for transposition, within the context of higher education and scientific research, of the regulations, norms and values that were voted for during the Bologna Process.

The efforts that **Spiru Haret University** has been making in order to secure its integration into the national and European area of scientific research have been steered to building its own strategy of research-development. This approach is proving the ample openness of the University to the world, its desire to cooperate at various levels, in the European and international space of education and research and bring us funds from research of over EUR 20 million in the past 2 years.

FuturICT' s ambition of combining breakthroughs in computer science and related technologies with the social sciences approaches is very much in line with our existing interest in exploring the social behavior changes derived from the new challenges of the sustainable development and current economic trends. The development of the interdisciplinary research and encouraging the creativity are important for us in sustaining our efforts to become reliable partners in joint/complex research project at EU level.

In conclusion, **Spiru Haret University** strongly supports the FuturICT Flagship proposal and we would like to take an active part in the project activities matching our research capabilities and expertise.

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