



The Observatory - *Real-time monitoring of multi-level network structures for the study of knowledge generation and opinion dynamics in the Internet* - <http://theobservatorium.com/>

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To who it might concern,

The Observatory, a research team within the CIES Lab at the Lisbon University Institute, focuses his research on complex human network dynamics in Internet, proposing to monitor its evolution in real-time, with the general objective of better understanding the processes of knowledge generation and opinion dynamics.

As Coordinator of The Observatory research team I firmly support the FuturICT proposal for a flagship. Facing the main scientific challenge of FuturICT – revealing the hidden laws and processes underlying societies – will certainly take the activity of many researchers, including ourselves, forward in new and really exciting ways that will shape our society towards a better future.

We therefore strongly support the FuturICT flagship proposal and hope very much that it will be supported by the European Community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jorge Louçã".

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