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Prof Dirk Helbing
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FET Flagship FuturICT

Dear Prof Dirk Helbing,

Umeå University was founded in 1965 and is Sweden's fifth oldest university. Today, we have a strong international and multicultural presence with students, teachers and researchers from all over the world. As one of the leading comprehensive universities in the nation, we are alive with enthusiasm, creativity and fresh ideas.

We constantly strive towards being one of Scandinavia and Europe's best environments for education, research and community engagement that meets the challenges of an ever-increasing global society.

As our goals parallel the vision of FuturICT, I am convinced that the large-scale multidisciplinary and integrative efforts of the Flagship provide the best means for better understanding our complex world.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marianne Sommarin'.

Marianne Sommarin
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Professor