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Dear Professor Helbing,

As the Rector of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), I hereby confirm our great interest in and support for the proposed FET Flagship Project FuturICT within Framework 8 of the European Union.

BME considers the FuturICT project as an ambitious, multi-disciplinary undertaken, aimed at the solution of a large number of important research problems that are pivotal to the great challenges of our times. These include engineering tasks related to the innovation in ICT, techno-social systems, the study of complex systems with special emphasis on ecological modeling, or the well functioning of the economy. In these and other related subjects there is a large amount of experience and expertise accumulated at BME. Correspondingly, several of our units will be in the position of participating in FuturICT like the Institute of Physics, the Institute of Mathematics the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and the Faculty of Chemistry and Bioengineering.

BME is fully supportive of the EU's FET Flagship Initiative and would like to express its strong support for the FuturICT concept and ambition, its support for those involved in proposal preparation, and confirm its interest in active collaboration should the venture be successful.

BME will be represented in the Project by Professor János Kertész, member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute of Physics.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Gábor Péceli
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