



To: **Whom may concern**

Date: **13 April 2010**

Dear Professor Helbing,  
as Chair of the COST Transport and Urban Development (TUD) Domain Committee (DC), I hereby express the support and interest of the DC for the "FuturIcT" flagship initiative.

The TUD DC aims at fostering international research networking activities of scientists and experts dealing with transport systems and infrastructures, urban land use and development, architecture and design, and civil engineering issues. The focus is on multi- and interdisciplinary approaches and the aim is to cover both basic and applied research activities including technical and technological developments and their changeovers that are relevant to policy and decision making processes. A significant concern is devoted to activities exploring new research needs and developments.

The domain is by definition cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary, encompassing a wide range of scientific expertises within the transport and land use planning, design, and management activities with a special emphasis on the strong interrelationships among the relevant policy fields as well on all aspects related to sustainable development.

The flagship initiative can spur new collaborations, fully on line with our scope, helping in strengthening the research at the frontiers of science.

I therefore strongly support your proposal and I hope it will be successfully evaluated by the EC

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Cristina Pronello  
TUD DC chair