

To FuturICT Spain,

This is a letter of full support for the FuturICT Flagship Initiative coming from the Association IDiA.

IDiA is a cross-sectorial cluster, linking non ICT companies collaborating on ICT, but from the perspective of the highly expert users.

At this moment, May 2012, our cluster groups 36 top aragonese companies, the two regional Universities, the Zaragoza City Council and other public institutions. The enterprises in IDiA summarize around 53.000 employees and 34.775 million euro net billing. The presidency is currently held by General Motors Spain, with Adidas, Bosch Siemens Spain or Alliance Healthcare as other members, for example.

IDiA was born in 2004. Formally we are a Non-Profit Association. We were registered by the Spanish Ministry of Industry in 2009 as AEI -Agrupación Empresarial Innovadora-, which means that the Ministry qualified our strategic plan as 'Excellent'. There are around 140 AEIs in Spain. Between them, IDiA was in 2011 the most supported, in terms of funds, by the Ministry of Industry.

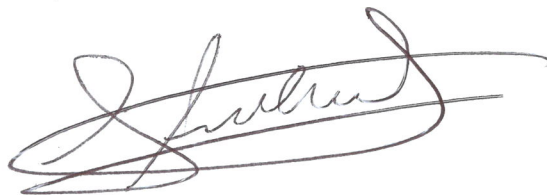
As ICT is involved in near any aspect of the business development, we have been able to create strong collaboration links not only between our associates, but also with other clusters in our region, Aragon, Spain and Europe. IDiA is part of the Steering Committee of FENAEIC, the Spanish Federation of Clusters, and organizational member of TCI.

Big data and its applications are one of the main point of interests of a numerous group or our associates, with General Motors as one of the most well known.

The technologies applied to the communicated car, in close relationship with the Smart Cities, will benefit without doubt from the FuturICT's R&D.

We can offer our cluster, taking in account the participation of General Motors, Tata Hispano, Valeo and other important automotive firms, in close collaboration with the Zaragoza City Council and both the Universities of Zaragoza and San George, as an excellent field for testing and demonstration of some of the developments covered by the FuturICT projects.

Zaragoza, May 2012.



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