

5th March, 2018

To: -European Commission, Horizon 2020- ICT-35-2018 CSA Call

**Letter of support for -FIN-TECH:
A FINancial TECHnology training platform –Proposal**

Dear Sirs/Madams,

We have been approached by researchers from the University of Pavia (led by Prof. Paolo Giudici), who are submitting, together with other 24 European research center and fintech partners, a project proposal on 'FIN-TECH: A FINancial TECHnology training platform' in response to the Coordinated and Support Action Call Horizon 2020 ICT-35-2018 from your Organisation.

We understand that the research team is proposing us to developing a state-of-the-art innovative and research-based education program in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies, Cybersecurity, Financial Data Science, Marketplace lending, RegTech and/or Robot Advisory, that our staff and staff from FinTech companies invited by us could take free of charge. This education programme that will be developed on demand and delivered on-site by our respective network of partner, funded by the Call.

We highly endorse such knowledge transfer, from established academic centers of excellence to start up FinTech companies and public service bodies like us and can confirm that we are very interested in participating and benefiting from the proposed educational program.

We expect this educational program to enhance our knowledge and resulting ability to serve the public and comment you for your call for research on this subject matter. We are hereby confirming that we are happy to assign the necessary time in the proposed education programme, and also participate in the project related workshops when possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General