

To:

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

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Brussels, 12 April 2018

Letter of support for -FIN-TECH: A FINancial TECHnology training platform- proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have been approached by researchers from B-HIVE, led by Dr. Dave Remue, who are submitting, together with other 24 European research centers 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 - Fintech: Support to experimentation frameworks and regulatory compliance", issued by the Commission

We understand that the research team is proposing us to support the development of a state-of-the-art innovative and research-based education programme in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies, Cybersecurity, Financial Data Science, Marketplace lending, RegTech and/or Robot Advisory.

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

The EBF is convinced that the Proposal results can have a significant impact on our respective banking and financial networks, especially when involving its members and associates at national and EU levels.

In particular, in the framework of the collaboration and relation between the EBF and ABI Lab to support EU Project Proposals, the EBF, if the project is funded, EBF will offer its support to the project through ABI Lab in the diffusion of the project work package and by:





continuously validating the results of the Project and, consequently, giving advice and input on how to improve the project itself;

inviting its network of stakeholders to participate in the project workshops and training sessions and, in particular, in the final event of the workshop, in which a full project evaluation could be undertaken.

Looking forward to working with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Wim Mijs

Chief Executive Officer