



NÁRODNÁ BANKA SLOVENSKA
EUROSYSTEM

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Governor

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

Letter of Endorsement

Bratislava, 2 March, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam

We have been approached by researchers from the University of Economics in Bratislava who, together with other European research centre and fintech partners, are submitting a project proposal entitled "FIN-TECH: A FINancial TECHnology training platform" in response to the EC's Coordinated and Support Action Call Horizon 2020 ICT-35-2018.

The research team, led by Assoc. Prof. Jana Pélioová, has asked us to endorse the development of an innovative, state-of-the-art and research-based education programme covering the areas of artificial intelligence, blockchain, cryptocurrencies, cybersecurity, financial data science, marketplace lending, regulatory technology, and robot-advisory. If funded through the Call, the programme will be provided free of charge to employees of Národná banka Slovenska and invited firms. It will be developed on demand and delivered on-site by our respective network of partners.

Národná banka Slovenska strongly supports the principle of such knowledge being transferred from established academic centres of excellence to start-up fintech companies, public sector bodies, and institutions like ours. We are extremely interested in participating in, and benefiting from, the proposed programme.

We commend you for initiating a call for research in this crucial area. The programme proposed to us offers us an opportunity to enhance our knowledge and therefore our ability to serve the public. We have no hesitation in endorsing the proposal and assure you of our commitment to participate fully in the programme.

Yours sincerely