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Subject: Letter of support of the Bank of Slovenia in the Horizon2020-ICT-35-2018 CSA: FinTech "A FINancial TECHnology training programme"

Dear Professor Giudici,

The Bank of Slovenia, the National Central Bank of the Republic of Slovenia, was invited by the "Jožef Stefan" Institute, Artificial Intelligence Laboratory to participate in the above-mentioned project.

The project will develop a state-of-the-art innovative and research based education program covering the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies, Cybersecurity, Financial Data Science, Marketplace lending, RegTech and/or Robot Advisory. The program is dedicated to the training of regulatory institutions and fintech companies. We understand that all the activities are free of charge for us, and the program, that will be developed on demand and delivered on-site, is funded by the project.

We understand that the role of the Bank of Slovenia in the project does not involve any financing obligations, while the Bank will have the opportunity to express its views of the content of the training programme as well as the employees of the Bank of Slovenia will have access to the study material and training programme. We highly endorse such a knowledge transfer program provided by highly reputed academic centres with a sound track record in fintech. We expect this educational program to enhance our knowledge and capabilities in the field.

It is my pleasure to inform you that we are happy to accept the invitation and are looking forward to future co-operation. In case the program is approved, we would be happy to attend the developed education programme as well as the project related workshops whenever possible.

Contact person for the Bank of Slovenia is Ms Anja Rijavec Uršej, deputy Director of the Payment and Settlement Systems Department (anja.rijavec-ursej@bsi.si; +386 1 4719 550).

Yours sincerely,

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