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FinTech: Support to Experimentation Frameworks and Regulatory Compliance

Dear Sir or Madam.

We have been approached by researchers from the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) who are submitting, together with other 24 European research centres and FinTech partners, a project proposal in response to the Coordinated and Support Action (CSA) Call ICT-35-2018.

We understand that the project is intended to bring together European regulatory bodies, FinTech firms and other relevant organisations, to facilitate the operations of European FinTech firms and to support the cross-border networking of FinTech ecosystems and hubs. One essential aspect is building capacity and expertise regarding the new technologies and models to support early understanding for regulators or supervisors.

For this purpose, the research team proposes developing a state-of-the-art innovative and research-based education program in the area of FinTech, including topics such as cryptocurrencies, blockchain, robo advice, RegTech, financial data science and artificial intelligence. Staff from regulators will be invited to participate free of charge.

We highly endorse such knowledge transfer between established academic centres of excellence, FinTech companies and regulators and confirm that we are interested in participating and benefiting from the proposed project. We expect this project to enhance the knowledge and resulting ability to improve and comply with the relevant rules and regulations in the FinTech area.

Sincerely yours,

John Hucker, CFA, MBA President, Board Member

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