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Subject: Endorsement of the Preparatory EU FET Flagship Project ExtremeEarth

Dear Fabio Venuti,

On behalf of the Foreca Ltd I express our strong support for the proposal to develop the FET Flagship Project ExtremeEarth. The project is extremely ambitious, but given our decade long experience in dealing with ECMWF, we feel that there is no-one more capable of tackling a challenge of this magnitude.

The cutting-edge Earth-system modelling capabilities that ExtremeEarth proposes to build will enable substantial progress in overall safety. As a leading road weather provider, we see all weather forecast quality improvements as crucial. Foreca's mission as a private weather company is to help our professional customers to improve road safety by delivering road weather information for professional winter road/runway maintenance and future autonomous driving systems. In these use cases, all gains in weather forecasting accuracy lead to better decisions and increased safety on the roads.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samu Karanko".

Samu Karanko
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