To whom it may concern

Rennes, September 12nd, 2011

Re.: Letter of support

Dear Sir,

EIT ICT Labs strongly supports the UBIVERTEX proposal. Cloud computing research and education is a central theme in EIT ICT Labs because of its importance as enabler of innovations in many sectors of our modern societies. Cloud technologies with increasing ability to access, analyze and transform large data volumes can be put to good use in many application areas including e-Science, e-Health, e-Government, Process industry and automation, Operation and Maintenance, Media, content & entertainment, and Sustainable society.

The UBIVERTEX platform will provide a set of innovative features in IT systems, networks and storage, which are not available in any current cloud computing platform. It will also complement nicely existing testbeds, such as the FIT testbed already financially supported by both the Grand Emprunt initiative and EIT ICT Labs, allowing experimentations combining Cloud Computing and Network of Sensors (Internet of Things). This will benefit not only the French partners of EIT ICT Labs, but also all of Europe through EIT ICT Labs. Given that UBIVERTEX proposal is accepted, researchers at EIT ICT Labs will contribute to the project though the cloud computing research action line as well as various educational and thematic action lines. This will not doubt support greatly our mission to turn Europe into a global leader in ICT Innovation by making the industrialization of research results broader and faster.

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