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Letter of endorsement for the *ExtremeEarth* Flagship proposal

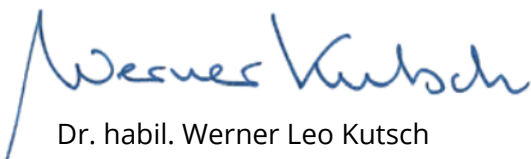
Dear Dr. Bauer,

in my role as Coordinator of the Environmental Research Infrastructure Cluster Project ENVRIplus I herewith express my strong support for the ExtremeEarth Flagship proposal.

ICOS and many other Research Infrastructures in the ENVRIplus project support the scientific, technological and programmatic objectives of ExtremeEarth. We see the strong necessity to improve Europe's capability to model, to predict and to monitor environmental extremes and their impacts. As main data providers we endorse ExtremeEarth as an important initiative of world leading Earth-system science centres in Europe that will built on our observations.

This endorsement does not imply any legal or financial commitments towards the ExtremeEarth project. Good luck with your proposal. We are looking forward to discuss further cooperation with you soon.

Sincerely,



Dr. habil. Werner Leo Kutsch