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Endorsement of the Flagship candidate project ExtremeEarth (CSA proposal)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in my capacity as Rector of University of Bonn to express my strongest support for the proposed CSA proposal to develop a FET Flagship Project Extreme Earth.

With great interest we are following the activities of the geoscience community to develop a joint FET Flagship candidate project on enhancing Europe's capability to predict and monitor environmental extremes and their impacts on society enabled by the imaginative integration of edge and exascale computing and beyond, and the real-time exploitation of pervasive environmental data.

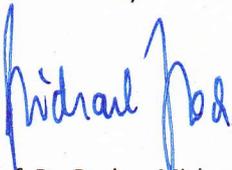
As a member of Geoverbund ABC/J we are strongly involved in geoscientific research activities with focus on the investigation of the dynamic earth-human system.

With our research background in the fields of evolution of life and earth, environmental dynamics, georesource management and georisk assessment, we see strong links to the aims of the proposed project ExtremeEarth. Therefore, I very much welcome and strongly support this proposal.

The ExtremeEarth project aims to reflect the views and requirements of scientific, technological and service oriented communities that are included in the project for realizing a step-change enhancement of their capabilities in the future. The representation of these communities will be developed throughout the evolution of ExtremeEarth, from preparatory action to Flagship project, through endorsements, consultations and formal project partnership. The endorsement of the Flagship candidate project ExtremeEarth implies that the endorsing entity supports the scientific, technological and programmatic objectives of ExtremeEarth.

This endorsement does not imply any legal or financial commitments towards the ExtremeEarth project. Support will imply that statements and logos of supporters may be shown on the ExtremeEarth website.

Yours faithfully



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