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Dear Professor Manzelli,

This is to confirm our support and simultaneously to declare our intent to participate in the preparation and prospective execution of the project "Mental Change" for NoE in FP6.

The proposed Bulgarian team will consist of representatives from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the University of National & World Economy, Sofia University, the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce, government officials, several SMEs (including ICT ones) and NGOs. These are all people, who are currently working together in other projects with a related thematique.

Our preliminary view about the areas in which we could contribute are the following:

1. Development of an enlarged definition of the new state of knowledge, which we consider as a basis for the knowledge economy and society. This definition includes both cognitive and infrastructural aspects (codified forms of knowledge, including financial ones, which could be seen as a concrete basis for the knowledge based economy and society). This definition could be based on ideas related to transdisciplinarity and specific applications based on knowledge (including applications of ICT).

2. Exploration of the effects and consequences of this new state of knowledge in science, education and communications, as well as in socioeconomic life at large and more specifically in Bulgaria in the process of joining the new European context.

3. Development and implementation of methods and techniques related to positive societal changes, concerning policy issues, related to learning and use of knowledge in the economy on different levels from the enterprise to the national

one.

With a view to the discussion already started and in the above context, we support your project recommendations as well as the views about adding additional project objectives, expressed by professor Simion Pruna. In relation to the latter, we consider also particularly essential research on the national ICT sector and its present and prospective role.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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