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**Subject: Letter of Support regarding the project proposal CLARA under the topic HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage “Teaming for Excellence”**

To whom it may concern,

**as a representative of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic** I would like to express the support to the project proposal named CLARA: Center for Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing in System Brain Research. In response to the European Commission call “Teaming for Excellence”, the CLARA project aims to develop and deploy next generation of artificial intelligence/machine learning applications and quantum-centric supercomputing tools to resolve the etiology of neurodegenerative diseases. The ultimate goal of CLARA is to push the frontier of neurodegeneration research, particularly Alzheimer’s disease, identify novel pathways to understand brain architecture/network complexity and discover new intervention targets that ameliorate neurodegeneration.

**Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic** is a key Czech institution that is supporting cutting-edge research in key progressive areas including artificial intelligence and other key emerging technologies. The Ministry is also the coordinator of the Czech National Artificial Intelligence Strategy and the CLARA project fully corresponds with the key priorities and goals of this strategy in several areas.

For this reason, **Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic** is confident in confirming that the CLARA Center is an excellent activity that will move the research collaboration in the of area of brain research in Europe significantly forward.

Sincerely yours,

  
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**Petr Očko, Ph.D.**

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