

# **Future Internet PPP Workshop**

## **“Building an Eco-System for Delivering Innovative Future Internet Services and Applications”**

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Ladies and Gentlemen! Good morning everyone! My name is Dr. Csaba Deák, I am the Vice President of the National Innovation Office and I am responsible for the strategic affairs of the Office.

It is my great honour to have the opportunity to welcome you here in the Future Internet PPP Workshop in Budapest that is one of the stops of the FI PPP roadshow in the EU. I especially warmly welcome the representative of the European Commission, Dr. Jorge Pereira from DG Connect, Mr. Federico Alvarez from Spain, who represents several FI PPP projects here, and I would like to welcome Mr. Gary McManus also, who is going to speak on behalf of the ceFIMS project that NIH is also involved in.

Hungary joined the Future Internet (FI) initiatives of the EU in the beginning. A number of Hungarian universities and research institutions participate in the FI R&D programmes of the EU. The National Innovation Office helps this process with its own means. NIH coordinated the organization of the events of Future Internet Week during the Hungarian EU Presidency. NIH initiated the establishment of the Future Internet National Technology Platform, which embraces the different stakeholder of the FI in Hungary. As I mentioned the NIH is the member of the ceFIMS (Coordination of the Future Internet Forum of Member States) project consortium. Furthermore, we promote the implementation of the Future Internet National research programme supported from the resources of the EU Structural Funds (Future Internet Research Services and Technology - FIRST project, TÁMOP).

We are glad to host this FI PPP Workshop, because our goals concerning innovation in Hungary agree with the objectives of the FI PPP programme. We also want to create an efficient and sustainable Future Internet Ecosystem and want to involve more and more SMEs into the development of smart ICT applications and services. We have excellent researchers, but unfortunately the exploitation of the research results is weak in Hungary. Therefore our

intention is to strengthen the cooperation of the research institutions with the industry. Let me mention that ICT is one of the priorities of the economic development policy of the Government. We recently prepared the National Research, Development and Innovation Strategy that aims at generating 300 innovative SMEs, and hopefully 30 of them will become global. I am convinced, that Future Internet research will contribute to reach our objectives.

This Workshop aims to show the Future Internet PPP programme of the EU, and to provide information to the Hungarian researchers about the 3rd Call of the programme that will be announced at the end of June. The Workshop highlights some of the main Hungarian players in the field of Future Internet as well, the FI National Platform, the FIRST project, the ICT Labs Budapest Node of the European Institute of Technology and Innovation, and the Mobility and Multimedia Cluster.

Besides NIH, the Workshop is supported by the Scientific Association for Infocommunications and Informatics (HTE), and the FI National Technology Platform. The HTE is now organizing the IEEE ICC Conference in Budapest, and I would like to express our gratitude to Prof. Lajos Hanzó, who is the Executive Chair of the IEEE Conference, for attending our Workshop.

Future Internet PPP is one of the flagship ICT research programmes of the European Union, which will continue further in Horizon 2020. Based on the experience of the current PPP programme, the EU is going to launch a new FI initiative next year, „The Advanced 5G Network Infrastructure for Future Internet PPP”. I am convinced these research programmes will advance the Future Internet technology and services in the World, and will boost the innovation and competitiveness in Europe. And I hope that the Hungary will play an active role in this process.

In the end, I would like to wish you a useful meeting and fruitful discussions for today!