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To whom it may concern

Several projects answering the second call for proposal « Instituts de Convergence » have been submitted to the University of Toulouse. After hearing the project leaders (hearing in front of the “Research, PhD studies and Valorization” Department Board), it has been decided to only label the projects that are in line with the UT scientific strategy. The **TMBI - Toulouse Mind & Brain Institute** project has been officially labeled by the University of Toulouse Board of Members held on November 25th, 2016.

The University of Toulouse scientific strategy is based on a dual approach consisting in fostering emerging projects and steering some strategic research initiatives. It is deployed in three phases:

- identifying the major research strengths of the site,
- implementing the Strategic Thematic Actions defined in line with the scientific and socio-economic challenges,
- structuring the site through Interdisciplinary Institutes to be set-up in 2017.

The research organizations of the University of Toulouse are gathered in 6 research coordination hubs that are both thematic and trans-institutional; they will work in synergy with the Interdisciplinary Institutes acting at the crossroads of existing disciplinary clusters. The University of Toulouse has deemed it essential to ensure that the “UT labeled Instituts de Convergence” can interconnect with the Interdisciplinary Institutes which will cover the fields of aeronautics and space, sustainable development, health and high performance computing/Big data.

The UT member institutions and the stakeholders of the Institut de Convergence “**TMBI - Toulouse Mind & Brain Institute**” commit themselves to provide the human means and facilities necessary to achieve the goals as set in the project.

Moreover, the “Instituts de Convergence” projects may be granted financial aid by the University of Toulouse whose Interdisciplinary Institutes will be launched in 2017.

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