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### **Expression of interest for the DRIM Proposal**

On behalf of BI-REX – Big data Innovation & Research Excellence, I hereby, Stefano Cattorini, BI-REX General Director, declare my endorsement to the proposal “Corso di Dottorato di Interesse Nazionale in Robotica e Macchine Intelligenti - National Doctoral School in Robotics and Intelligent Machines – DRIM” proposed by Prof. Giorgio Cannata of the University of Genova as part of the PNRR action published by DM352/2022 aiming to achieve the second component of the fourth mission ("From Research to Business"), with the investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates that meet the needs of innovation enterprises and promote the recruitment of researchers from enterprises”. This National Doctoral School, being proposed by many Institutions interested in the activities of the Italian Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines – I-RIM, certainly is of interest for BI-REX.

BI-REX is one of the 8 Italian Competence Centers funded by the Italian Ministry of the Economic Development, within the Industry 4.0 National Plan: our main focus is on Big Data. It's a public-private Consortium, born in 2018, has its headquarter in Bologna (Italy) and gathers in partnership players among Universities, Research Centers and Companies of excellence in order to assist companies, in particular SMEs, through in their digitalization and technological innovation processes, through the adoption of Industry 4.0 enabling technologies by providing a varied series of services: from consultancy to technology assessment, from design to validation of innovative solutions, from orientation to training, up to the Pilot Plant.

BI-REX confirms a strong interest in the DRIM proposal, its topics, scope, contents and expected results. Based on all these considerations, we look forward to the possibility of collaborating with this relevant initiative for our national territory.

This letter does not have a legally binding character.

Sincerely,

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