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Mr. Director,

Rennes is a territory whose identity is strongly marked by the University and by the research and training activities. Rennes Métropole has thus been very proactive in supporting this field for many years. France's 8th largest academic pole with 68,000 students, the excellence of training and research in Rennes is recognized. Rennes was also recently named 4th best student city in France (Palmarès 2017/2018 l'Étudiant).

Rennes has also built itself on the multidisciplinary nature of its research and teaching, with areas of excellence recognized at national and international level. Mathematics is included in this category, as shown by the Shanghai 2017 ranking, which again places the University of Rennes 1 (through IRMAR) among the top 75 universities in the world for this discipline.

Since its creation in 2012 as a "laboratory of excellence", the Henri Lebesgue research and training Center has been directly involved in this dynamic since it contributes to the influence of research and the attractiveness of the region. Bringing together nearly 200 French and foreign researchers, 100 PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, the Center pursues several objectives in line with Rennes Métropole's strategy to support higher education and research :

- Academic excellence with an internationally recognized high level of research : organization of thematic semesters, post-doctoral fellowship program, Lebesgue chair, invitations of researchers, scientific publications in the best international journals, nominations to the Institut Universitaire de France.
- Attractive, dynamic and diversified Master's and PhD level training : Lebesgue program offering Master's scholarships (M1 and M2) and thesis scholarships, leading several times to thesis prizes, internships, doctoral school courses, or Mathematic world quarterly seminar.

- Deep interactions with the industrial and socio-economic fabric, particularly in the fields of health, information and materials technology. The creation of the Agence Lebesgue de Mathématiques pour l'Innovation in 2016 helps to further strengthen this objective. The Center Henri Lebesgue also forges strong links with the socio-cultural environment through public events (5 minutes, science festivals, conferences, etc.).

For all these reasons, Rennes Métropole strongly supports the labex's request for a 5-year extension. The activities of the Centre Henri Lebesgue will continue to be supported within the framework of the various Rennes Métropole schemes : support for the organization of scientific symposia, incoming and outgoing mobility grants for doctoral students, or scientific installation grants for young researchers newly arrived on the territory of the metropolis.

Please accept, Mr. Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.

La Vice-Présidente,
Déléguée à l'Enseignement Supérieur
à la Recherche et à l'Innovation,



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