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Support to MAPS4SCIENCE

Dear Professor van Oosterom,

With great interest that we were informed about your initiative to develop a large scale research facility Maps4Science. From our role as: innovator and user, a facility like this is important to us, because it give us a unique opportunity to develop interesting spatial web applications, to experiment with governance, legal and geostandardisation issues related to spatial data/service provision and use, and to use spatial material for education purposes.

The Public Management Institute of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven is the research and education institute focusing on the improvement of public management, public organization and public policy. This institute leads currently the multi-disciplinary project SPATIALIST Spatial Data Infrastructures and Public Sector Innovation in Flanders; a research project clarifying the technological, economic, legal, sociological and governance requirements for having a successful Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) in Flanders. In addition, it carries out consultancy and other (applied) research projects in the domain of SDI, Geographical information science, and E-government, and provides training for civil servants and students.

We support your consortium and your application because we see the following benefits for our organisation: 1) support our research in the domain of spatial data infrastructures, 2) facilitating our research related to policy making and service delivery of the public sector, 3) making civil servants and students aware of the use of spatial data and geo-services, and 4) initiating spatially related projects in the domain of improved policy making and service delivery (in particular for cross-border areas).

Kind regards,



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