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Dear Professor van Oosterom,

Support to MAPS4SCIENCE

I learned with interest from our colleagues and members in Kadaster of your initiative to develop a large scale research facility 'Maps4Science'. This appears to be similar to the UK EDINA service with which I am familiar.

Having experienced at first hand the benefits to UK student research from the EDINA service I am pleased to support your initiative.

As the membership association of European national mapping, cadastre and land registry agencies, currently representing 56 member organisations in 44 countries I appreciate how important a facility like this can be in facilitating research, igniting innovation and thus underpinning the Digital Economy for Europe.

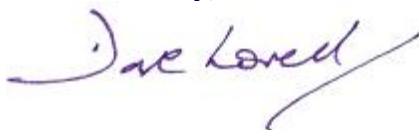
In our own field of operation we are currently revising our licensing terms to make it easier for academic researchers to use our important pan-European location framework embodied in [our products](#) and we look forward to these supporting Maps4Science.

We support the objectives set out for your project and hope that your application will be successful because we see the following benefits for our organisation and the science community:

- A ready vehicle to deliver our pan-European geographic information to a well developed science community;
- Stimulation of research into the of application of geographic information in areas such as transport management, environmental management.

We anticipate therefore that Maps4Science will be an important initiative that will be a crucial enabler for many scientists to improve and extend their research which in turn can lead to economic stimulation and social development.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dave Lovell".

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