

Letter of Support – MAPS4SCIENCE

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subject: Support for MAPS4SCIENCE consortium

Dear professor van Oosterom,

With this letter the Netherlands eScience Centre, (NLeSC; <http://www.esciencecenter.nl/>) wishes to express her support for the MAPS4SCIENCE initiative that seeks inclusion in the **Dutch National Roadmap for Large Scale Research Facilities**.

With great interest we learned about your initiative to develop a large scale research facility MAPS4SCIENCE. This is an important initiative that will be a crucial enabler for many scientists to improve and extend their research with Geo Information. MAPS4SCIENCE will enable the Netherlands science community to reach and keep a top level position in a broad range of science domains. It will allow projects to play a leading role in the research and innovation into open, shared, and linked location data and how it can be used in many fields of science.

NLeSC bundles the crucial eScience expertise and resources in the Netherlands present in several organisations to support selected scientific domains to implement a sustainable eScience infrastructure. We therefore look forward to collaborate with MAPS4SCIENCE in eScience projects that require Geo Information.

Yours sincerely,



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