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Dear professor Van Oosterom,

With great interest we learned about your initiative to develop a large scale research facility Maps4Science. In our role as data provider we consider a facility like this as a valuable addition to the initiatives for the dissemination of spatial data in which KNMI is already involved. Amongst others, these include the Regional Climate Center of the World Meteorological Organisation, the Network of Research Infrastructures for European Seismology (NERIES), the Nationaal Modellen en Data Centrum (NMDC), and the Satellite Data Platform and KNMI Data Center that are currently under development.

The Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI) is the national knowledge and data center for weather, climate and seismology. It operates extensive measurement networks, including satellites, and is strongly involved in both weather and climate modeling. Our ambition is to facilitate optimal use of our data. Therefore we are strongly involved in the INSPIRE initiative and actively support the development of GMES and GEOSS service elements. On a more technical level we are developing OGC services and play a leading role in 3D-visualisation technology for model applications.

We hereby declare that our organisation is open to discuss opportunities of the Map4Science facility for further using and exploring our datasets, in particular meteorological and climate data. We support the idea that facilities are created that promote the interdisciplinary use of our data.

Yours sincerely,

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