

LETTER OF SUPPORT – MAPS4SCIENCE

**To:**

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**subject:** Support to MAPS4SCIENCE

Dear professor van Oosterom,

With great interest that we learned about your initiative to develop a large scale research facility Maps4Science. From our role as user, a facility like this is important to us, because as a risk management center GeoFort is playing a prominent role in the research of the effectiveness of combining different digital map layers in the process of decision making. GeoFort is a showcase of a platform where geo-data is derived from many different sources.

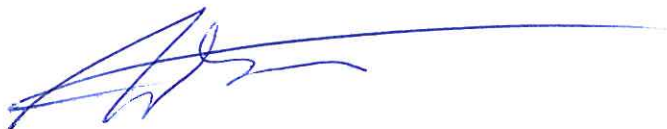
GeoFort is a science center making people aware of the bigger challenges for the Netherlands in the near future and the surprising rol of the X,Y,Z- coordinates in this process. Many sciences are not aware how they can use geo-ICT for spatial analyses of for future simulations.

We support your consortium and your application because we see the following benefits for our organisation and the Netherlands science community like:

GeoFort makes scientists aware of the power of spatial thinking. GeoFort is a platform for geo-ICT innovations and brings science together with the business and public.

We hereby declare that our organisation is open to discuss opportunities of this facility for further using and exploring datasets, in particular real-time spatial data necessary for risk management.

Maps4Science is an important initiative that will be a crucial enabler for many scientists to improve and extend their research. 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 us 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.



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