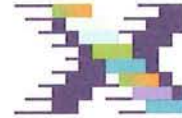


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LETTER OF SUPPORT – MAPS4SCIENCE

Dear professor Van Oosterom,

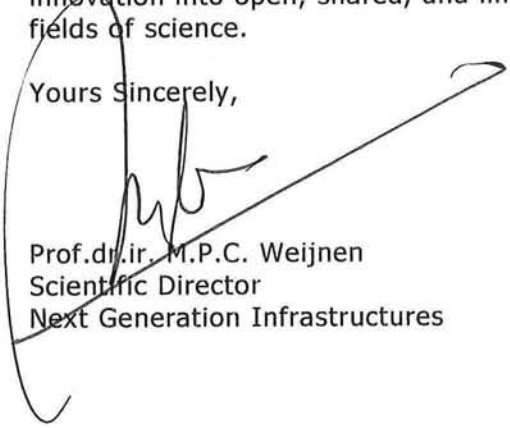
With great interest that we learned about your initiative to develop a large scale research facility Maps4Science. From our role as research program and institute on next generation infrastructures, a facility like this is important to us, because it enables us developing new science methods and playing a prominent role in Europe.

Next Generation Infrastructures is a platform within knowledge institutions, market players and government organizations working together on multi disciplinair socio-technical issues. Last year, Next Generation Infrastructures had a top-level score in the scientific review. We will continue as a TU Delft Institute from September 1, 2011. In the new Strategic Research Agenda we are preparing, we are discussing the geo-information infrastructure as a new theme.

We support your consortium and your application because we see the following benefits for our organization and the Netherlands science community like: the use of geo-information infrastructures in our projects (for example serious gaming projects and public-private interaction with open data) and developing new science methods.

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.

Yours Sincerely,


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