

## LETTER OF SUPPORT – MAPS4SCIENCE

**To:**

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**subject:** Support to Maps4Science

Dear professor van Oosterom,

PDOK (the Dutch acronym for ‘Publieke Dienstverlening Op de Kaart’ or in English ‘Public Services on the Map’) was established in 2009 as a strategic collaboration between Kadaster, Rijkswaterstaat, Geonovum and the Ministries of Infrastructure & Environment and Economy, Agriculture and Innovation.

The program itself will be finished by the end of 2012. The PDOK-results however - as an important node in the national SDI of the Netherlands- will be available in the coming years in a highly reliable and sustainable way. The PDOK-partners have committed themselves to take full responsibility for the exploitation and availability of the PDOK-services for at least 3 years after the program (2013-2015).

PDOK-services, under which all the INSPIRE-datasets and all the geographical key-registers, can be used for all kind of purposes and by all kinds of users. So in this way PDOK is also a very significant geodata supplier which is highly relevant for the Maps4Science-initiative. In the mean time it is for the success of PDOK very important that the PDOK-services are used by as many users and user groups that are possible so the social return and benefits of geo-information can be maximized. The PDOK services will be available for the scientific users. In this approach Maps4Science does not need to duplicate the same services, but can focus on additional services, which in turn may also be of interest for (future) PDOK users. Another interesting aspect of the cooperation PDOK – Maps4Science is the adoption of innovative products, concepts and results from the Maps4Science program by PDOK to develop and improve the PDOK-service infrastructure.

Finally PDOK is an interesting network within the public sector in which a lot of knowledge on collecting, maintaining, managing and using geo-information is being built up and shared. Sharing this with the Maps4Science community can benefit both programmes in a very direct way.

PDOK wishes you all the best in getting Maps4Science funded. We look forward to future collaboration.

Yours faithfully,

The PDOK program board, represented by the PDOK-program manager,

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Ir. Pieter Meijer  
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