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Dear Mr Versluis,

It is with great interest that we learned about your initiative to develop a consortium Maps4Society. From our role as Innovator, this is important to us, because as a research institute we are involved in research in innovative new developments where research areas intersect with application domains.

Alterra is part of the WUR Environmental Sciences Group and employs about 450 staff, with expertise on soil science, water and climate, ecosystems, landscape and spatial planning, and geo-information. Alterra is renowned for its interdisciplinary approach to research based on the mentioned expertise.

We support your consortium and your programme because we see the following benefits for our organisation and the Dutch community like knowledge network, the contribution of research in the Topsectoren, international position, lifting barriers, improving research, importance of continued research on the data acquisition, quality, sharing, use and usability.

We hereby declare that our organisation is open to discuss opportunities for contributions to project proposals, in particular where the research areas Dynamic data and harmonization (A), Data quality assessment (C) and Geo-information infrastructure governance (F) are applied in water management (2) and Smart cities/ Human environment (5) as is identified in the partnership proposal.

Maps4Society is an important initiative that will be a crucial enabler for the Dutch industry to improve and extend their business. Maps4Society will enable the Netherlands science community to reach and keep a top level position in a broad range of 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 application.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Ir C.T. Slingerland
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