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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 research data archive, this is important to us, because the ensuing research projects will function as use cases for developing methodologies and best practices for managing the life cycle of geographic data: from active data through archived datasets to reuse of relevant data.

Data Archiving and Networking Services (DANS) is an institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (KNAW) and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). We provide archiving services to various scientific disciplines and participate in research infrastructure projects of a variety of disciplines and communities, including Linked Open Data projects in the Netherlands and Europe.

We support your consortium and your programme because we see the following benefits for our organisation and for the Dutch geo-information community:

- projects that build on the Maps4Society matrix of scientific research / (societal) applications carry great potential for yielding new and pioneering datasets and associated challenges in data management;
- involvement of DANS from the beginning in a number of the research projects within the programme will present opportunities to effectively insert 'trusted digital repositories' in the life cycle of data(sets) produced in scientific, geographic/location research.

We hereby declare that our organisation is open to discuss opportunities for contributions to project proposals, in particular to the development of data

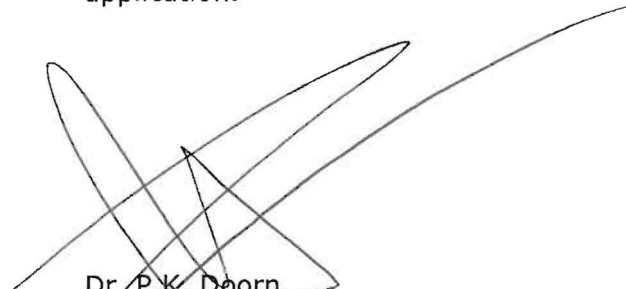
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management plans for geographic research projects. This can be undertaken in tandem with the 3TU.Datacentre and / or the NMDC.

Maps4Society is an important initiative that will be a crucial enabler for the Dutch geo-information industry to improve and extend their business. It will allow the research and data archiving community to play a leading role in the research into open, shared, and linked location data and how it can be used in many fields of application.



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