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Subject: support to Maps4Society

Dear Mr. Versluis,

It is with great interest that we learned about your initiative to develop a consortium Maps4Society. We see that Maps4Society fits well in the ICT Roadmap, and is especially connected to the topics "ICT for a connected world" and "Data, data, data".

The topsector Water focuses on Delta technology, water technology and maritime. The Dutch knowledge and skills in the water sector are on world-top level and we want to double the added value between 2010 and 2020, national and international.

We support your consortium and your programme because we see the following benefits for our topsector Water and the Dutch community like:

- Delta technology: Digital Delta 'Duurzame Deltasteden' (sustainable Delta cities – Mapping & Monitoring)
- Water technology: Water & ICT
- Maritime: smart ships and smart ports.

We hereby declare that our topsector is open to discuss opportunities for cooperation and synergy. In particular for the Digital Delta (project within Topsector Water & Breakthrough project on ICT), where we already discussed this and see the following opportunities:

- 1) Big Data en Smart analytics: better sharing of information in the Dutch water sector opens the opportunity for new analyse methods and techniques
- 2) Research of the interoperability between water-ICT applications/platforms and smart Geo-information infrastructures.

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 Dutch science community to reach and keep a toplevel 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 and in a smart society.

Hans Huis in 't Veld  
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