Wave the flag for Maps4Society!

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Maps4Society approved!!!

Besides the flag for our Queen and new King, the flag can also be waved for Maps4Society! Today, April 26, the STW Board has given the green light for further development of the program. It must be coordinated with adjacent programmes such as ODIN (Open Data Innovation Network) and the Digital Delta. This means that 3 M Euro will become available for research and innovation for a smart and user oriented geo-information infrastructure! The transition from the old map-thinking to a dynamic and integrated geo-information chain forms the thread of the program. The research will be organised through an open call. Companies can participate in-kind in project proposals from universities.



The program committee, comprising of representatives of the consortium partners Rijkswaterstaat, Kadaster, NSO, NCG and delegates from the STW network, will prepare a project call before the summer. After approval by the STW board, this call will be opened for project proposals (probably after the summer). Subsequently, a matchmaking meeting will be organized. Further information will follow - keep an eye on our website!

Companies highly interested



Positive vibe at utilisation meeting

During the utilisation meeting on March 15 at GBN in Woerden, a lot of interest was expressed by industry to participate. Most companies were even interested in three or more subjects from the array of research topics and use cases. Maps4Society received support letters from a range of companies (these can be downloaded from www.maps4society.nl).

"Society cannot do without!"

That was the thrust of the support letter Maps4Society received from the ICT Top Team for the top sectors, Prof. Arnold Smeulders. He recognizes the importance for smart grids, energy, water, logistics, agro and almost all top sectors. The letter can be found on the website.

About Maps4Science

At this moment, the M4S consortium has 10 partners: TU Delft (commissioner), UvA, WUR, UU, UT/ITC, VU/EduGIS, DANS, Alterra, NLR en Geonovum. The main goal is to up-scale the national geo information research infrastructure with European potential and to improve spatial breakthroughs in other sciences.

Support is being given by the ICT Innovatieplatform Geoinformatie (IIPGEO), AeroVision and Jacqueline Meerkerk Management. The complete proposal and all support letters can be found at <u>www.maps4science.nl</u>

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