

Memorandum of Understanding for EuroRoadS Forum

Preamble

The EU-funded project EuroRoadS terminated on 31 August 2006. EuroRoadS has defined common specifications for the quality assured provision and exchange of road data, carried out demonstrations and proposed implementation and exploitation activities.

On 30 November 2006 a statutory meeting for establishing EuroRoadS Forum was held, where 11 organisations took part. The meeting discussed prioritised activities and organisational forms to set up the EuroRoadS Forum.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is intended to formally set up a EuroRoadS Forum with the aim to promote and exploit the results of the European project “EuroRoadS” and to support both providers and users of public/private-source road data.

The EuroRoadS Forum is open for all providers and users of road data, European organisations working with road information as well as other interested parties like research institutes are welcome to take part in the process.

Article 1 – Aim of the MoU

This MoU defines the details of setting up the EuroRoadS Forum.

Article 2 – Aim of the EuroRoadS Forum

The aim of the EuroRoadS Forum is to promote and exploit the results of the European project “EuroRoadS” and to support both providers and users of public/private-source road data.

The EuroRoadS project has defined common specifications for the quality assured provision and exchange of road data, carried out demonstrations and proposed implementation and exploitation activities.

The EuroRoadS Forum aims to meet the needs of road data providers and users by addressing some or all of the following actions:

- support, correct and improve these specifications following the end of the project
- support users of the EuroRoadS specifications
- support the development of national, regional and local spatial data infrastructures with regard to the efficient handling of road data
- support users by implementing data quality management concept
- represent the EuroRoadS achievements in the INSPIRE process
- promote the implementation of EuroRoadS by the widest community of public data suppliers in Europe
- provide a platform for potential users and data suppliers to collaborate
- identify needs for further research and development
- identify projects and activities that should make use of EuroRoadS’ results and improve existing results
- develop guidelines and distribute information on best practice
- develop commercial environment aiming to facilitate a widespread market adoption of EuroRoadS compliant data

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Article 3 – Management of the EuroRoadS Forum

The EuroRoadS Forum is open to all interested parties.

All Parties signing this MoU are represented in the Management group. Each Party in the Management group is foreseen to take part in one or several of the activities listed in *Annex A - Activities*.

The Management group can among themselves appoint a Core team to prepare and plan for the coming work within the Management group.

The Management group will mainly carry out its activities by using telephone meetings and e-mail. In addition a yearly meeting is foreseen to be held.

Article 4 – Financial provisions

Each Party is responsible for their own costs for participation in meetings and in activities being listed in *Annex A – Activities*.

Article 5 – General conditions

This MoU summarises the current understandings and intentions of the Parties. Nothing in this MoU legally obligates any Party to any other Party. This MoU does not affect the rights (including handling of confidentiality and intellectual property rights) of any Party to material supplied by them.

The Parties will periodically review the results and consequences of their co-operation under this MoU and, when appropriate, will consider the need for improvements in their co-operation and make suitable modifications.

Annex A – Activities

The following activities are regarded as important for the EuroRoadS Forum.

Framework of specifications
Inform about the framework of specifications
Take care of proposals concerning changes
Develop guidelines & support the use of the framework
Inform on early adoption & distribute information on best practice
Promote implementation of the framework in commercial GIS
Develop profiles of the specifications
Initiate formal standardisation
Continue the follow-up of experiences from tests
Improve and make adjustments according to experiences
Test special techniques to handle large data volumes
Initiate new projects built on EuroRoadS results
Initiate R&D activities
Metadata service
Continue running the prototype with data from test areas
Extend the metadata supply with data from all participants in the EuroRoadS Forum
Link the metadata service to the EU-portal
Be active in the European metadata development (INSPIRE drafting teams, CEN-standardisation)
Dissemination of information
Inform on facts and experiences concerning current situation
Arrange workshops & seminars
Develop leaflets/brochures (pdf)
Web & newsletters
Projectplace (common document archive)
Business model
Deployment of the suggested business models
Develop support services for suppliers and users: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - user support - help-desk - errors and updates - liaisons and organisation of cooperation - rights management
Establish quality certifications and compliance testing procedures
INSPIRE
Represent the road data community as an SDIC (Spatial Data Interest Community) in the INSPIRE process by contributing to the work with implementing rules concerning data specifications, metadata and network services
Represent road data stakeholders in the INSPIRE-process, e.g. review of implementing rules concerning road network