

# Draft Memorandum of Understanding to promote a pan-European road data infrastructure



## Background

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

This draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is intended as a basis for discussion between potential founders of a EuroRoadS Forum. The idea to establish a 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 process to establish a EuroRoadS Forum starts with setting up a MoU. The final content of the MoU will be decided by stakeholders participating in this process. All providers and users of road data, European organisations working with road information as well as other interested parties are welcome to take part in this process.

## **Memorandum of Understanding to promote a pan-European road data infrastructure**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) records the basis on which a EuroRoadS Forum shall be established. The EuroRoadS Forum is intended to promote and exploit the results of the European project “EuroRoadS” and to support both providers and users of public/private-source road data.

### **Whereas**

- The EU-funded project EuroRoadS will terminate on 31 August 2006. EuroRoadS has defined common specifications for the provision and exchange of road data, carried out demonstrations and proposed implementation and exploitation activities,
- There is an interest amongst road data providers and users to establish a forum to address some or all of the following needs:
  - 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
  - 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

To carry out the above mentioned tasks there is a need to form an administrative structure – a EuroRoadS Forum. This MoU intends to form the basis for the establishment of such a forum.

### **Management of the EuroRoadS Forum**

A management group will be formed by stakeholders signing this MoU. The purpose of the management group is to meet the above needs by the creation of an appropriate EuroRoadS Forum, which is to address the above needs and others as the management group decides. All parties signing this MoU will meet the costs of all activities from their own internal resources.

### **Status of the Memorandum of Understanding**

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 intellectual property rights) of any Party to material supplied by them.

### **Review of this MoU**

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 and suitable modifications.

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Annex A – Undertakings

Annex B – Description of the Parties