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To the attention of
The OpenStreetMap Foundation
St John's Innovation Centre, Cowley Road
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Subject: Letter of Support for Hosting State of The Map 2025 in Paris, France

Dear Committee Members,

We are honored to write on behalf of the National School of Geographic Sciences (ENSG-Géomatique), the École des Ponts ParisTech (ENPC), and the Université Gustave Eiffel (UGE) to express our full support for hosting the international State of The Map 2025 conference in Paris.

The Significance of State of The Map:

State of The Map serves as a crucial global platform for the exchange of ideas and innovation in the field of open and free mapping. The conference plays a pivotal role in fostering collaboration among professionals, researchers, developers, and mapping enthusiasts. Hosting this prestigious conference in Paris is not only a privilege but also an opportunity to strengthen the ties between the OpenStreetMap community and leading French academic institutions.

Commitments from the Institutions:

1. **ENSG-Géomatique:** Our establishment, which includes the engineering school (graduate degrees) and research laboratories, specializes in geomatics and geographic information sciences. It is one of France's leading institutions for teaching and research in the field of cartography and geoinformatics. It is closely linked to the French Mapping Agency (IGN), for which it is the university and research department. ENSG-Géomatique is also a member of the Université Gustave Eiffel. We are convinced that our expertise, our modern infrastructure and our network of professionals will contribute greatly to the success of this event.
2. **ENPC (École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées):** ENPC, one of France's most important and oldest "Grandes Ecoles", with its advanced research in civil engineering and spatial planning and numerous international collaborations. Beyond this historical expertise, ENPC develops training and research excellence related to the challenges of the ecological transition. Our institution is ready to mobilize its resources and experts to enrich the discussions and workshops at State of The Map 2025.

3. **UGE (Université Gustave Eiffel):** As a leader in the fields of transportation, infrastructure, and mobility, UGE recognizes the importance of geospatial data and open mapping for sustainable and intelligent solutions. We are committed to providing logistical and academic support to ensure the success of this event.

Preferred Dates and Schedule:

We propose that the conference be held preferably over three days, including a weekend and preceding Friday, tentatively scheduled for late August to early September 2025 or mid July 2025. This timing allows for greater flexibility and attendance, accommodating both local and international participants.

Planned Contributions:


Our institutions are prepared to offer logistical support (conference rooms), actively participate in conference sessions, contribute to the promotion of the event within our professional and academic networks, and facilitate access to our facilities for planned activities.

In conclusion, ENSG-Géomatique, ENPC, and UGE are fully committed to supporting and contributing to the organization of State of The Map 2025. We firmly believe that this event will bring significant benefits to the global OpenStreetMap community and enhance France's academic and technological excellence in this field.

Thank you for considering our support, and we remain at your disposal for any further information.


Sincerely,


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