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Dear Christian,

It is great pleasure for all of us, Instituto Geográfico Nacional/ Centro Nacional de Información Geográfica, (IGN/CNIG) to inform you that our National Plan for Land Observation/Plan Nacional de Observación del Territorio (PNOT) has obtained the "2013 United Nations Public Service Award (UN/UNPSA)" in the category 4º (EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA), Promoting "Whole-of-Government Approaches in the Information Age".

This award is the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service. It rewards the creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions that lead to a more effective and responsive public administration in countries worldwide. Through an annual competition, the UN Public Service Awards promotes the role, professionalism and visibility of public service. That you know, inside the PNOT Plan are including three important projects at Regional, National and European level:

PNOA: National Plan of Aerial Orthophotography

PNT: National Plan of Remote Sensing

SIOSE: National Land Cover/Use Information System in Spain

These three projects have in common:

- Real needs fixed at user levels,
- Common property of the result, encouraging a flexible and open data policy,
- Decentralized production (bottom-up approach) and
- Joint funding

It is necessary to stress that from the beginning all our work was thinking in cover the European needs (COPERNICUS) and rules (INSPIRE), for this reason this awards is due also to the European collaboration with our Country.

I hope to maintain and increase with you and your Organization our excellent collaboration and also our Bottom-Up approach experience, developed in Spain, probably, it could be satisfactory for Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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