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September this year, Kadaster started a Land Management Project in Romania. The aim is to improve agricultural conditions in Romania. The novelty in this project is our collaboration both with a Dutch government party and a Dutch private party with Romanian farming knowledge.

Collaboration for agricultural improvement in Romania

The features of the current Romanian situation are parcel fragmentation, poor land administration and strict bureaucratic rules. They are obstacles for optimising agricultural conditions and applying instruments of land consolidation. In the new project, financed by the Dutch Government, a pilot area will be selected for land consolidation.

The novelty in this project is that all activities are executed in collaboration with DLG (the Dutch Government Service for Land and Water Management) and Pro Frizon, a private organisation supporting Dutch farmers in Romania. Both Kadaster and DLG will bring in their expertise in the areas of land administration and land consolidation. Pro Frizon has local knowledge and experience with the difficult agrarian situation in Romania. We expect that the farmers will play a leading role in the process of land consolidation.

The challenge is to arrive at a project result with a balance of investment, production, land tenure, local rights, profit and sustainability. Also a theoretical study will be executed to describe the optimal way of applying land consolidation in Romania. In order to change the existing situation into the desired situation, intelligent software will be used; this will help analyse the land administration situation and create new land management processes.



The project started in September and will last for about two years. The pilot will be executed during the year 2012. At the beginning of 2013 the pilot will be evaluated; recommendations will be made for applying land consolidation for the whole country of Romania. Transfer of knowledge is essential. That is the reason why several workshops will be organised. In this way, the necessary skills, processes and methods can be discussed with the Romanian colleagues. Both on national and regional levels. All for the benefit of agricultural improvement.

■ MARTIN WUBBE

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Kenya workshop ‘Modernisation of Cadastres’

The UN School for Land Administration Studies (ITC/Kadaster) conducted a workshop on ‘Modernisation of Cadastres’ together with the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) in Kenya. The school sponsored the joint event together with the RCMRD and Geospatial Media and Communications. The event took place on 4-5 September in Nairobi Kenya, occurring back-to-back with the Africa Geospatial Forum. Twenty surveyor generals and directors from RCMRD-member states in Southern, Eastern and Central Africa

came together. They shared experiences and knowledge regarding the developments in land management, land cadastres and registrations in their respective countries. It was an interactive learning environment, featuring vivid discussions! The UN School for Land Administration Studies aims to participate as a partner in even more regional initiatives in Tanzania and Namibia. In this way, it is possible to encourage the sharing of knowledge and experiences. For more information, please visit WWW.ITC.NL/UNU-LAS ■ CO MEIJER

IT-strategy for Montenegro



The Real Estate Administration of the Republic of Montenegro is developing a new IT-strategy. The organisation is strongly supported by the Government of the Republic. Kadaster supports by helping to define the strategic directions. In order to do so, it is crucial to know the opinions of the users community and their ambitions for the future, for example: the introduction of authentic data sets (key registers and access to those data sets avoiding data duplications), e-conveyancing, authorisation, payment, security issues and digital signatures. All this requires a good cooperation between stakeholders within the users community. In Montenegro there is a strong willingness to participate in this development. It is clear that IT will change the interactions between the citizens and Government. Keeping an eye on the future, improving services to society.

■ CHRIT LEMMEN

Open Data

An agreement has been reached with Minister Schultz van Haegen (Infrastructure & The Environment) that the Key Register Topography will be released as open data as of 1 January 2012. The data will become freely available, both for enquiry and re-use, both for government and private parties. Kadaster believes it is important that its data should be highly accessible. Geographic information is a significant basis for innovative applications, for example regarding smartphones. The Key Register Topography is the map of the Netherlands. The release of the data stimulates innovation and use of data. Also the use of web services by government authorities will become free; for private parties the free use of web services is restricted by a ‘fair use’ policy. The Key Register Topography will be made available through the government programme Public Service Mapped Out, aimed at creating one online portal for government-related geographic information. Kadaster is also discussing with the Ministry of Infrastructure & The Environment an open data release of the Key Register Cadastre for government authorities. Which data and what conditions are concerned will become clear before the end of this year.

■ KARL ADAMS

Geospatial World Forum 2012

GEOSPATIAL WORLD FORUM



2000+ Professionals

500+ Organisations

400+ Speakers

100+ Countries

50+ Thematic Sessions

In April 2012, Amsterdam will be the meeting point for the global geospatial community. The Geospatial World Forum 2012 will be organised for the first time in Europe by Geospatial Media and Communications. Kadaster is co-organiser of the event. We feel privileged to have this role as we think it will be an excellent occasion for all stakeholders in the geospatial sector to meet and discuss our possible contributions to the present world economy. We are also happy to co-organise the pre-conference dialogue and exchange forum 'Land administration for economic development'.

■ KEES DE ZEEUW

Business plan for Kyrgyz DCR

In June 2011, the Department of Cadastre Registration (DCR) in Kyrgyz Republic visited the Netherlands for a study tour. The relations with Kadaster have been excellent ever since. The study visit was organised in two groups: one group consisting of



management staff and senior advisors, another group consisting of IT-experts. Over the last ten years, DCR has developed in a rapid pace. Right now, DCR is in the second phase of an IT-development project; IT-systems have been introduced both at central level and in the regional offices. Parallel to the further improvement of the IT-systems, a lot of attention will be paid to professionalise the services and to become more customer-oriented. In October, Kadaster acquired a project financed by the World Bank, focusing on preparing a business plan for the development and improvement of DCR. The organisational structure and the performance of the regional offices will be reviewed. The ultimate goal is to make DCR more efficient, at the same time providing better service to the customer. The Kadaster know-how of how to become a self-financing organisation is especially valuable to DCR. The first mission to Kyrgyz Republic was carried out in October. The Kadaster delegation was impressed by the well-organised operations and the effective procedures. The cooperation between both organisations is solid and a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration will be signed during one of the upcoming missions.

■ RIK WOUTERS

EDITORIAL

Contributing to world economy

I was educated with the idea that the value of a cadastre was all about human rights and legal certainty. Mainly at a national level and based on beautiful maps. Well, sometimes your insights change. Or perhaps better: they grow. Working abroad for Kadaster International, I have come to realise that the value of cadastres is increasingly shared on a global scale.

During the Geospatial World Forum earlier this year in India, I was already struck by how cadastral mapping and geospatial data infrastructures are developing. Despite the different stages of development in different countries, its social impact is very similar. Working in Guatemala with the Universidad San Carlos, I encountered another development binding us: the need to collaborate in land administration doesn't stop at the border. Guatemala requires cross-border economic activities with Honduras and El Salvador, varying from sugar-cane production to competitive and honest property valuation. During the conference of the UN-ECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA), I witnessed how the role and responsibilities of organisations involved in land administration are changing as we speak. Stimulated by economic crises and changing political forces world wide, land value and administration determine more and more the perspective for economic development or enforcement. For example, land grabbing and land fragmentation are becoming a new global concern, even though the pro's and con's are still to be established and discussed. Finally, at the first High Level Exchange Forum of the UN - Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM) in Korea, I learned that 'geospatial' no longer is something national or regional. Economy and sustainable development are becoming global issues, strongly relying on geospatial information management systems and (open) data policies. Our tools are getting more digital day by day. Collaboration can help, both in the world of mapping and land administration. So, land is all about world economy. For that reason I consider the Geospatial World Forum 2012 in Amsterdam a great opportunity. Let us further investigate our collaborations and contributions to the role of geospatial information and land administration in the global economy. I hope to meet you there!

■ KEES DE ZEEUW DIRECTOR KADASTER INTERNATIONAL

WPLA Amsterdam inspiring



The Saint Olaf Chapel, dating back to the 13th century, was the ambiance for the WPLA workshop, organised by Kadaster in cooperation with the secretariat of the UN-ECE. 130 participants from almost 40 countries enjoyed a workshop with vivid speakers and lively discussions on topics related to the conference theme 'Land administration in a networked society'. The key note speech of Mr Peter Welling referred to key registers, shared service organisations and optimised communication with citizens and companies. It is all about chances and possibilities. For instance, Kadaster was challenged to create new web services for registering and monitoring natural resources, such as wood and charcoal. Also, the growing IT-possibilities were discussed, such as 3D-technology and new information services for supporting government policies. ■ RIK WOUTERS

Land administration course in Guatemala

In three regional centres of the University of San Carlos in Guatemala a series of courses are executed for a master education programme. The courses are an extension of the land administration career on bachelor level, which was implemented some four years ago at San Carlos. The programme is financed by Nuffic. Kadaster participated in a course on the Land Administration Domain Model and the Social Tenure Domain Model. In an additional two-week workshop Kadaster contributed to the initial definition of the research methods and agenda for the University. A Guatemala delegation of the master education programme paid a study visit to the Netherlands recently, also visiting Kadaster and learning about its experiences and developments. ■ MARTIN WUBBE



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PRESIDENCY EUROGEOGRAPHICS

After her two-year term, Mrs Dorine Burmanje of Kadaster has transferred the EuroGeographics presidency. The new President is Mrs Ingrid van den Berghe, Director General of the Belgian Institute Géographique National. EuroGeographics is the umbrella organisation for mapping agencies, cadastres and land registries in Europe. Kadaster board member Mr Godfried Barnasconi becomes a member of the EuroGeographics Management Board. Kadaster remains a participant in several working groups. WWW.EUROGEOGRAPHICS.ORG

LONG-TERM POLICY PLAN



Kadaster aims to be where society expects it to be: at the heart of real estate and geographic information. In order to do so, its main focus for the upcoming years is to facilitate creating an easy-access information infrastructure, disclosing data sources from all relevant parties. Online. This approach is reflected in the new Long-Term Policy Plan 2012-2016. The key targets can be found at

WWW.KADASTER.NL/LONGTERMPOLICYPLAN.

FAREWELL KAREL WELTER



Karel Welter, our regional manager for the Caribbean, has retired. Karel joined Kadaster International in 1995 as one of the first employees and was one of our international path finders. He worked all over the world with many of you. It is with a lot of gratitude for his commitment and valuable input in many projects that we wish Karel a wonderful retirement. Karel's activities will be taken over by Martin Wubbe.

KADASTER SECONDMENT AT WORLD BANK

Since this summer, Jan de Jong, former coordinator of our back office, is working at the World Bank in Washington. Within the Land Team of Europe and Central Asia he provides technical support on e-governance, spatial data infrastructures in Ukraine, Russia, Azerbaijan and Serbia. In this way, World Bank and Kadaster benefit from the knowledge exchange.



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