



Efficiency

e-Government

Digitisation

International Consultancy

Customer satisfaction

Quality

Cadastral consultancy from the Netherlands

The Netherlands' Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency -in short: Kadaster- harbours many years of expertise regarding land registration, mapping, land use and corresponding IT-setup. As the international context of land administration continues to grow, the scope of Kadaster's activities abroad continues to widen. By collaborating with many parties internationally, Kadaster is able to keep its know-how prominent and remain a reliable sparring partner.

These pages show how Kadaster aims to contribute to the development of land administrations and geographic data infrastructures throughout the world. And which services it has to offer. Both at institutional levels and in the field.



Who are we?

Kadaster collects and registers administrative and spatial data of property and the rights involved. This also goes for ships, aircraft and telecom networks. Doing so, Kadaster protects legal certainty. Kadaster is also responsible for national mapping and maintenance of the national reference coordinate system. Furthermore, Kadaster is an advisory body for land-use issues and national spatial data infrastructures. Its information is available predominantly through online web services, including information on energy labels of houses and underground cables and pipelines. Its main customer groups are civil-law notaries, local authorities, businesses, financial institutions and private individuals. Kadaster maintains the Key Registers Cadastre and Topography.

Kadaster is a non-departmental public body, under the political responsibility of the Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment. The Cadastre Act defines our statutory tasks and responsibilities. As a public body, Kadaster is dedicated to contributing to a better society, by performing its tasks in an efficient and effective manner, making use of appropriate technologies and adopting innovative approaches. Kadaster also respects a social responsibility to make its knowledge and experience available to international parties who need it. For the latter, Kadaster created a dedicated international consultancy department in the nineties.

Solid land registration as condition for economic growth

The registration of property rights is one of the key factors around the world that determines economic performance and business activity. Only with a sound registration it is possible to transfer possession into collateral for loans. When possession becomes a deposit for loans and insurances, people are stimulated to embark on enterprising more quickly. The more streamlined procedures are for obtaining property rights, the higher the effect on economics. In recent 'Doing Business' reports, the World Bank has rated about 150 countries throughout the world against the number of procedures that are required to register a property right, the time involved and the official costs as a percentage of the property value. The Netherlands have been mentioned as one of the most efficient countries for registering properties.

What is our knowledge and experience?

Kadaster has considerable experience and expertise regarding various land-administration issues. Both within the Netherlands and abroad. Issues range from designing and developing land policies to implementing entire land administration systems. We are able to apply our knowledge of modernising our own organisation, changing it from a governmental to an independent body, moving from an analogue to a digital environment, moving from a task-oriented

organisation to a customer-oriented organisation. As a consequence, we have at our disposal a variety of methods, procedures and IT-systems for realising land administration objectives. It is these objectives that make us stay in touch with the wider context of our work. As reflected in our publications on the role of land administration regarding poverty eradication, economic growth, sustainable development and good governance.



Which services do we provide?

Our services are available at three levels:

- *strategic level*: defining policy objectives, business targets, institutional changes;
- *tactical level*: determining methods, systems and technology necessary to realise defined goals, preparing laws;
- *operational level*: realising and implementing the proposed methods, information systems and technology.

The services we provide reflect the areas within land administration in which we believe we can deliver added value:

- Optimising Work Processes
- Optimising Land Use in Rural Areas
- Strategy Development and Institutional Embedding
- Self-Sustainability
- Training
- Data Integration
- e-Land Administration
- Establishment of Land Administration Systems
- Maintenance and Updating
- Marketing and Customer Orientation
- Digitising Archives

For each service a factsheet is available (also online through our website). The sheets describe what is to be expected: our activities, your benefits. In addition, project samples are given.

Overview project since 1990

Our website provides factsheets for every red dot on the map.



Information Technology (IT) and Kadaster

Kadaster's IT-efforts are aimed at providing society with the benefits it expects: high-quality data, low prices, easy access and interconnectivity. Kadaster is proud to have earned international recognition for its contributions to electronic government. It is a triple nominee and one-time winner of the international eGovernment Awards. Through its web service Kadaster-on-line, Kadaster provides up to an average of 19 million information products each year. Kadaster systems

are able to automatically process deeds that were conveyed electronically. Kadaster also participates in the European Land Information Service (EULIS), making it possible for European land registries to inquire into each other's registries. Kadaster believes that well-accessible spatial information is vital for supporting authorities to face the global challenges of present times: spatial planning, public order and safety, disaster management, poverty reduction and climate change.

Who are our partners?

Kadaster mainly works with national and local governments, as they are the principal beneficiaries in the projects. In addition, we collaborate with private sector parties, universities, training institutes and consulting firms (both in the Netherlands and abroad) for the execution of specific projects.



Collaboration in projects

We always strive for an intensive collaboration with the beneficiary organisation. This is the principal means to assure a sustainable and broadly accepted project result. In order to ensure involvement of local expertise, collaboration with local companies is essential. Kadaster operates within a network of other advisory organisations, which easily allows for forming relevant consortia.

International forums

In order to promote its policy Kadaster also participates in international forums, such as the International Federation

of Surveyors FIG (Commission 7 on cadastre and land management), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Working Party on Land Administration), the Global Land Tool Network from the UN Habitat, the Food and Agricultural Organization FAO (Land tenure and management Unit) of the UN and the World Bank (Land Thematic Group).

OICRF Documentation Centre

We are responsible for OICRF, the International Office of Cadastre and Land Records of the FIG. This is an online documentation centre for land administration, containing over 8,000 papers and documents downloadable for free.

Collaboration with ITC

Training is essential for a sound and sustainable land administration. In order to train foreign staff in issues related to land administration systems Kadaster is closely related to the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) in Enschede, the Netherlands. In 2006, Kadaster joined forces with ITC to found a School for Land Administration. The school combines the scientific frameworks for land administration with the real-life complexities such as project organisation and institutional embedding. As ITC is an associated institute of the United Nations University, the school operates under the UN flag.

Cooperation, education and research ensure that Kadaster remains at the heart of the world of land administration and geography.

Sharing and applying international knowledge

Kadaster believes it serves society's interests best when it is able to incorporate the latest developments into its services and products. It therefore aims to be present where leading parties meet and share their knowledge. Kadaster is also represented in the management boards of international organisations such as FIG and EuroGeographics.



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