

The Hellenic Approach for Implementation of a Modern Cadastre – Difficulties and Perspectives

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ABSTRACT

Since 1853, a person-based framework of Mortgage Bureau for the registration of deeds and transfers is in operation, in Greece. In the year 1994 began the planning and implementation of a countrywide modern Cadastre, a project of great vision. The characteristics of this project are fully compatible with the relevant international standards, such as the principles of 'Cadastre 2014' or other FIG declarations, at:

- administrative issues – one responsible organization and compilation by the private offices
- technical issues – fully digital methods, GIS structure
- legal issues – new legislation, abolishment of Mortgage Bureau
- fiscal issues – available budget for the first 5 years.

Today, six years after the beginning of the project, considerable barriers are observed in all the above mentioned issues. It is proved, in practice, that there is a great difficulty in the application of the international standards to the local conditions, and in the initiation of cadastral institution at a country, where a different system of land tenure is operating satisfactorily.

At this paper the difficulties and various barriers of the project are investigated together with the reasons for their creation. These reasons are related with a combination of managerial, technical and legal activities or omissions and inadequate specifications. A proposal for necessary activities is given for a successful completion of the compilation of the Hellenic Cadastre within a specific time-schedule. Issues like the re-evaluation of the technical and legal procedures, the immediate operation of cadastral offices and a self-recoverability approach for the project are included.

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