

Results from Reorganisation, Digitalisation and  
Centralisation of the Icelandic Land Register.  
Has Our Dream Come True?



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## Basic information

- Population 317.000
- Iceland is 103.000 km<sup>2</sup>
  - Glaciers 12.000 km<sup>2</sup>
  - Deserted area 64.500 km<sup>2</sup>
- Real properties 178.934
- Municipalities 79 (were 98 in Jan 2006)



## National Holiday in Iceland is today

Iceland became independent 17 June 1944



## Land Registration before 1992

- District Magistrate and district judge used to be the same organ.
  - total 26
  - with an exception for Reykjavík.
- Decision of European Court of Human Rights led to changes in 1992 with the separation of:
  - Executive Power
  - Judicial Power
- Eight Local Courts were established – pure judicial matters
- Land registration changed from court's decision to an administrative decision



## Situation in Land Registration in 1992

- Only 3 District Magistrates were computerised
- Legal Registration books either handwritten or typed
- Many independent registers on real properties held by different authorities for different purposes
  - Discrepancy on the data
- High Level Committee established in 1992
  - Secretaries Generals from 4 ministries
  - Representative from the municipalities



## Unified System for The Land Register and Cadaster 1 January 2001

- Aims
  - Stop multiple registration of properties by uniting the main property registers
  - Standardise the process for creating a new property in the register
  - To link the LR and the house register held, by the National Register
  - To take the first step in registering land boundaries in electronic form

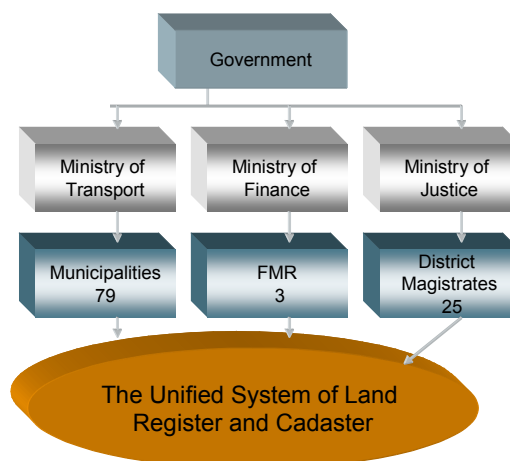


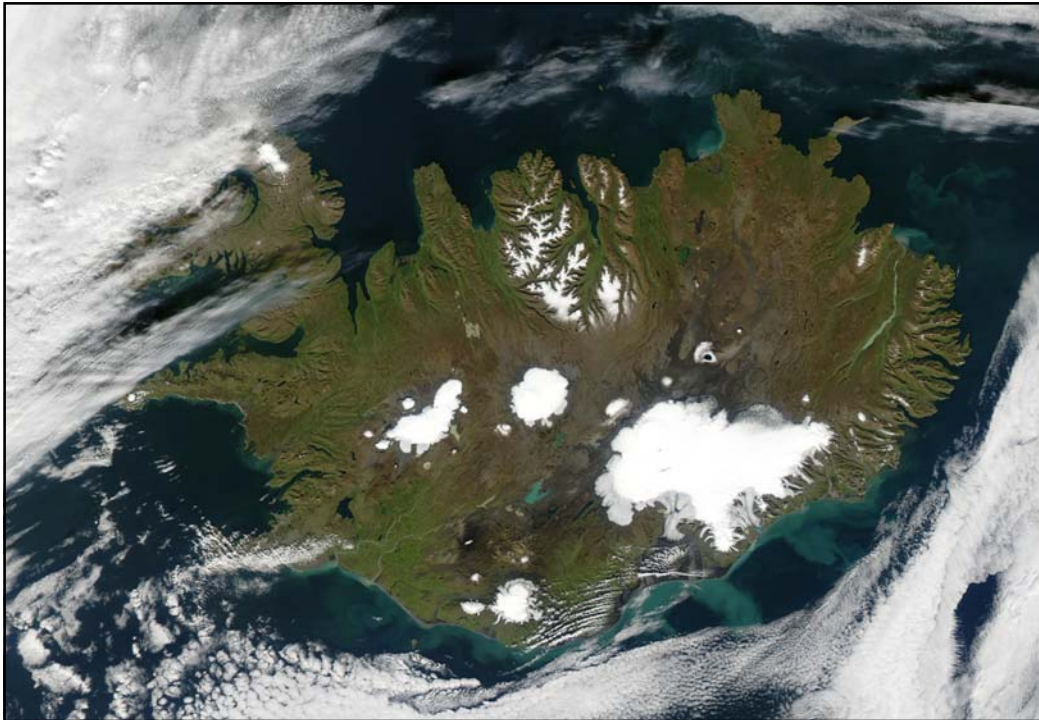
## The Land Register from 2001

- Reorganisation
  - Integration with the Cadaster
  - New coordinated registration processes
  - More transparency of procedures
- Digitalisation
  - Payment for each property unit registered from legal registration books and confirmed in the digital Land Register
  - Better and faster service to the users
- Centralisation
  - Harmonisation in daily operation
  - Better understanding of the role of other registration authorities
  - Better service to the users



## The Registrars

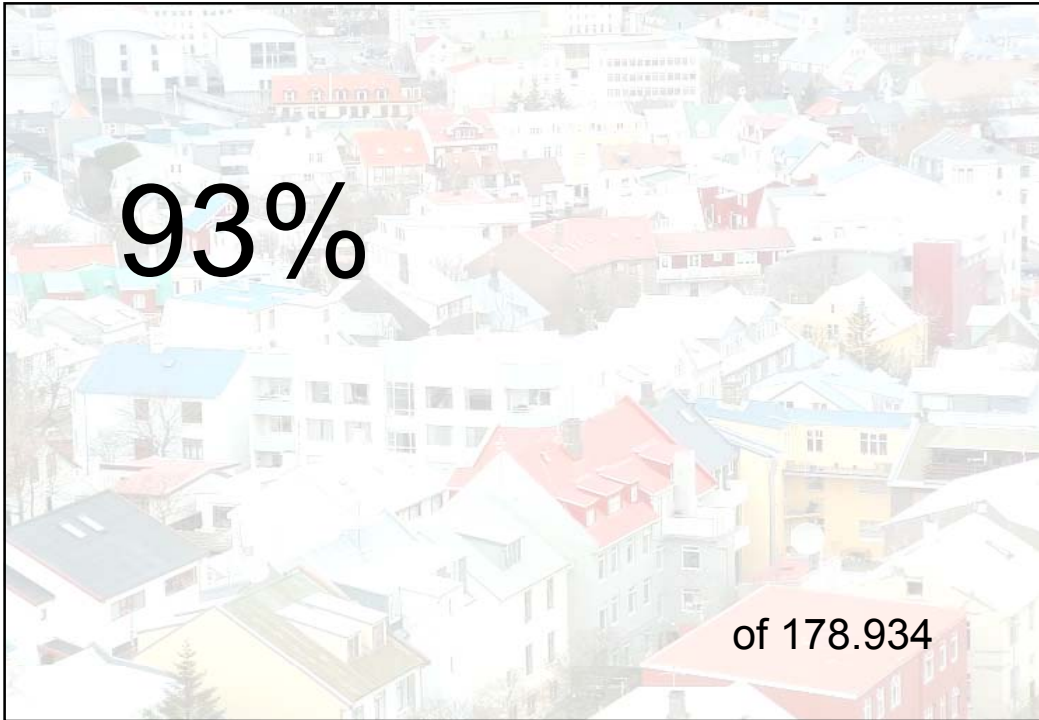




## Role of FMR

- Administration of The Unified System
  - Legal and technical development
  - Service desk
  - Training
- Valuation
  - for real property tax
  - for compulsory fire insurance
- Registration of sales contracts
  - research of the real estate market






### Scanning of registered documents

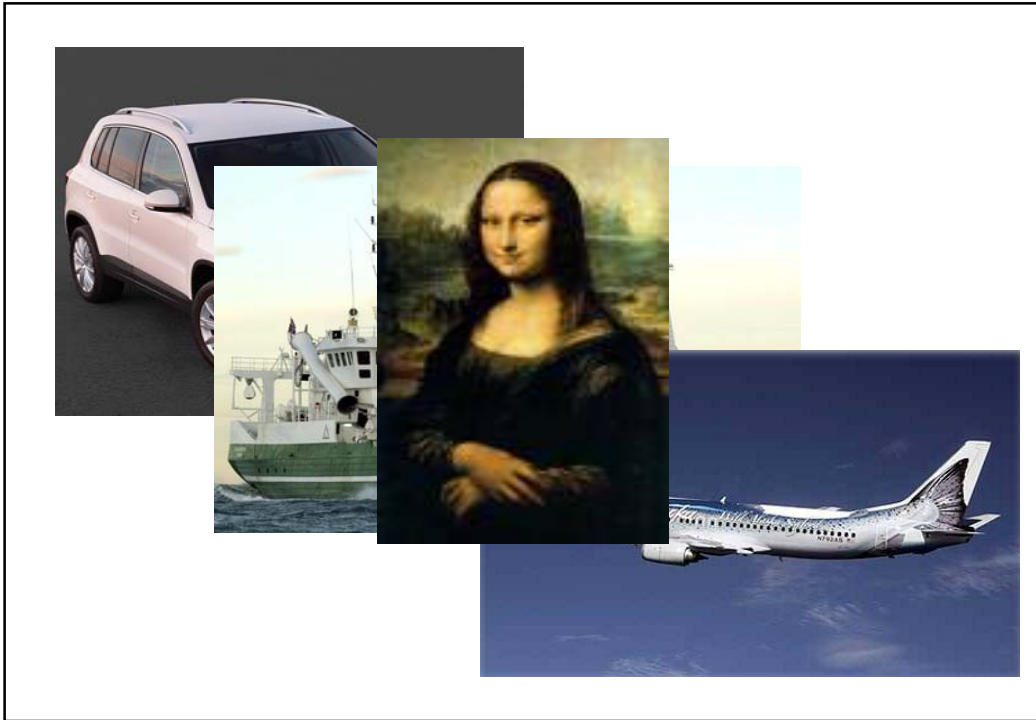
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## Access to information

- Basic information from Cadaster is free of charge
- Sales Income
  - Cadaster part - FMR
  - Land Register part - Treasury (till 01.01.2009)
- From 1 January 2009 FMR will be self-financed



## Developmental Project

- Governmental IT Policy 2008 – 2011

- Application by
  - Ministry of Finance
  - Ministry of Justice
  - FMR



- ... on Electronic Mortgage Registration



## Has Our Dream Come True?

Yes

- The two main goals have been achieved
- Work is underway with the other two
- Many new demands from authorities, business and public have risen and have already been fulfilled





## Multifunctional Register

of Real Properties is in place in Iceland which is under constant development



Thanks for the attention!



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