



# The e-Justice Portal and the interconnection of land registers – state of play

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### **Project description**

- European e-Justice Portal sub-project
- Analysis of possibility to consult LR data of other MS
- No intention to define new legal framework
- Identify required IT services for interconnection
- Minimise impact on national systems
- Member States are free to opt-in



### **Project deliverables**

- Business study and analysis
  - Discover core land register specificities in all MS
  - Re-use and build on existing studies
  - Analyse collected information
- Technical architecture evaluation
  - Propose 3 potential architectural solutions for LR interconnection
  - Examine these alternatives



### **Project stakeholders**

- Institutions responsible for administering data related to land management from 28 EU MS
- Associations: EULIS, ELRA, EuroGeographics, PCC, CLGE
- DG Justice
- JRC (Joint Research Centre) INSPIRE Directive
- DIGIT (hosting the Portal)



## Project approach & state of play 1/2

- Project start: December 2013
- Desktop research <u>completed</u>
  - Existing studies and projects
- Collect information from associations <u>completed</u>
- Collect information from MS on-going

Three step questionnaire:

- 1. Identification <u>answers received & analysed</u>
- 2. Business conditions assessment answers received & analysed
- 3. Technical options investigation work in progress



## Project approach & state of play 2/2

- Collected information steers the architectural approach, which is drafted in parallel in an iterative fashion drafted and under revision
- Consultation on the proposed solutions with Member States - <u>on-going</u>
  - On-line meetings on-going
  - Visits to be planned
- Expected end of the study: July 2014



# Findings: related work

Project	Owner
<b>EULIS</b> - European Land Information Service	EULIS
IMOLA - Interoperability MOdel for Land registers	ELRA
<b>ELRN</b> - European Land Registers Network	ELRA
CROBECO - CROss Border Electronic Conveyancing	ELRA
ELF - European Location Framework	EuroGeographics
<b>C&amp;LRKEN</b> - Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network	EuroGeographics
INSPIRE KEN - INSPIRE Knowledge Exchange Network	EuroGeographics
Cadastral Information System: a resource for the EU policies	PCC



## Findings: significant diversity 1/2

- Legal context, e.g.:
  - deed vs. title systems
  - legal value of the retrieved data
- Business context, e.g.:
  - purpose of the data
  - ways land register data is used
- Data structure and content
- On-line availability of data
- Search parameters
- Data available in search responses



## Findings: significant diversity 2/2

- Land register data access conditions, like:
  - Various roles having different level of access
  - Access methods and procedures
  - Registration methods and procedures
  - Authentication methods and procedures
  - Cost of the service (including the way how fees are calculated and collected)
  - Acceptance of authorisation to be done by other MS



## **Solution assumptions**

- Respects diversity
- Does not interfere with national land register systems
- Does not require specific legal provisions
- Makes existing functionality available to non-nationals
- Cross border access to data under national conditions
- Limited to provision of on-line searches
- Consists set of IT services facilitating
  - getting access to the data
  - data exchange
  - data interpretation



## **Solution key concepts**

- Semi-centralised architecture: central components facilitate exchanges but ultimately information resides in Member States
- Professional capacity certification: to be provided by competent authorities
- Query authorisation: each Member State decides the conditions under which queries may be submitted
- Common communication protocol: governs important elements of the exchanges
- Data protection: personal data are not stored permanently in the central components
- Payment systems: still under investigation



### **Solution overview**



Member State B

Land Register Peer



Member State D
Land Register Peer

e-Justice Portal users



## **Discussion**

