



.....● ELRA'S INTERVIEW WITH



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What are your expectations as a member of ELRA?

In the autumn of 2021, Hungary was invited to participate in the XXX General Assembly. After the project of LRI Member State Connection 2, we had the opportunity to present the Land Registry in Hungary. At the beginning of 2022, we received the honorable invitation from ELRA President, Ms. Luisa Clode, to become a member of association. This is how we came to the end of a long process full of excited anticipation.

The land register in Hungary is one of the oldest registers in the public administration. Therefore Hungary treats the development of the domestic registration system as a high priority. The major investment currently related to the Hungary's Property Registration System is the E-Land Registry project. The project is co-funded by the European Social Fund of the European Union and the state budget of Hungary. The project aims to reduce the processing time of land management procedures and administrative burdens in general. Thereby further increasing the competitiveness of the economy. The main objective of land administration is to make all the land and property transactions safe, uniform, accessible and simple. With the above goals in mind, we see the importance of the joint work in ELRA as the means of gaining further experience as well as to discover new useful initiatives for the development of the land register. In effective cooperation with its new

partners, Hungary can learn new solutions in this area just as, we hope, we can also provide useful results to the other members of the association.

What role do the Cadastre and the Land Registry play in the Hungarian society?

The Cadastre and the Land Registry is very important part in the everyday life of citizens, and in the activities of economic life's actors and public administration. The cadastral mapping data and legal data have been recorded in an integrated format both legally and institutionally unified land registration system since 1971. Hungary's unified, title-based land registration system was the first of its kind in Europe. Registered users (public administrative bodies, banks, lawyers, public notaries, municipal authorities, real estate agents, etc.) have had access to the online services of the Land Offices of Hungary since 2003. Started in June 2011, the Online Land Office service can be accessed directly by citizens through the Government Portal, by entering their central 'client gateway' ID. The prominent role of the Land Registry is also shown by the fact that it carries out number of other tasks. In addition to land registration activities, creating and maintaining the geodesic control point network, topographic mapping, land conservation, land lease

registration, or maintaining administrative boundaries belongs to this area.

Land administration covers, among others:

- land/real estate register, land use register, farmer register
- land surveying and cartographic activity (e.g.: examination and verification of sketch maps; protection of control points; investigation of errors in the boundary lines of properties or their area

calculations; special land surveying jobs;

- plot formation procedure (the aim of the plot formation that can be re-subdivision of a plot group, plot subdivision, merger of plots, plot boundary adjustment)
- protection of agricultural land, obligations of land utilization and ragweed eradication, land classification, land lease registration
- Data service



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The general objective is to officially register and manage data on all land and other property, while ensuring the security of ownership rights and other property-related entitlements by providing an uniform and publicly authenticated land registration system and infrastructure.

The unified land registration system has two specific objectives. The land register's legal objective is to protect property-related rights and official documents, while at the same time providing certainty for bona fide owners and holders and promoting the beneficial use of property. The register's economic objective is to provide an uniform basis for planning and for establishing financial obligations, to facilitate governance and property investment by supplying statistical data, and to provide services to society as a whole.

ELRA is a legal association, what contributions can it offer as an organisation?

On 2024, the new land registry system will be gradually



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introduced in Hungary, which will replace the currently operating land administration systems, thus learning about new developments and practices related to digitalization, we consider ELRA membership to be useful and effective cooperation in order to increase the efficiency and quality of the services of the land registration system. And this will be

mutually beneficial cooperation to all of them.

It should be emphasized that the implementation and introduction of electronic documents, enhanced security and qualified electronic signatures in the European Union affects the land registers of many member states, for this reason, we believe the joint work and knowledge of individual solutions through ELRA can ensure the customer friendly and efficient quality of our new partners and land registry system in Hungary. The cross border data sharing – include the data of land administrations – and the knowledge transfer between the national land administration help the reach the Achievements of the European Union (Free movement of goods, capital, workers, Freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services), and also help the economical growing.