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UNECE Working Party on Land Administration

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## Scope of work WPLA

- Seminars and workshops organized in member states
- Land administration (LA) reviews
- Participation in the development of country profiles on the housing and land management (LM) sectors organized by the CHLM
- Publication of studies and guidelines on specific LA and LM topics
- Benchmarking and inventories of LA systems
- Provision of policy advice and expert assistance

# Characteristics and Aspirations

- UNECE region: 56 member states
- Holistic perspective on land administration and management
- Recurrent scenarios for future LA
- Adhere and contribute to Agenda 2030 and NUA
- Gradual shift of focus to countries with mature LA

## Cooperation

- International governmental and non-governmental organisations

UN-HABITAT, UN FAO, UNDP, UNGGIM, other UN regional commissions, EU institutions, FIG, PCC, CLGE, CINDER, EUROGI, EULIS, EuroGeographics, ELRA

- International financial and donor organisations

European Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank

- Partnership among

Public and private sector, academia

## II. Activities carried out since the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of UNECE CHLM

# 10<sup>th</sup> Session of WPLA Geneva, 8-9 March 2017

## Land and Sustainable Development Goals





# Workshops

## **Workshop "State and market: Cadastres and Property Right Registers"**

24 - 25 November 2016, Madrid, Spain

*(in cooperation with the Property Rights and Commerce Registrars Public Corporation of Spain)*

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## **Joint workshop WPLA/CLRKEN "Land Administration and Land Management in the Information Age"**

21 April 2017, Lausanne, Switzerland

*(in cooperation with the Federal Office of Topography Swisstopo)*

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## **Common Vision Conference: "Tradition meets Innovation"**

5 - 6 October 2017, Vienna, Austria

*(in cooperation with the BEV of Austria)*

# International events

**INSPIRE Conference workshop: Financing the Evolution of Spatial Data Infrastructures**  
26-30 September 2016, Barcelona, Spain

**Conference on Housing Finance – Market and Structures**  
14 November 2016, Berlin, Germany

**Discovery Day 2016: Spatial Data Infrastructure in support of good land governance**  
28 November 2016, Rome, Italy

**FIG Working week “Surveying the world of tomorrow – From digitalisation to augmented reality”**  
29 May – 2 June 2017, Helsinki, Finland

**The Third International Conference on Eurasian SDI: "From National to Regional Cooperation"**  
29 - 30 June 2017, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan

**INSPIRE Conference workshop: Data Driven Economy in Central and Eastern Europe: Challenges and Perspectives**  
5 September 2017, Strasbourg, France

**Discovery Day 2017: Technology’s contribution to improve tenure governance and deal with the world’s most pressing issues towards achieving the SDGs**  
5 October 2017, Rome, Italy

## **Completed land administration reviews**

The review on land administration in Armenia was developed by experts from the United Kingdom and published in March 2017

The Guidelines on LA reviews has been revised and are consistent with the CHLM guidelines for Country Profiles

## Completed studies

- A follow-up study to “Survey on Land Administration Systems in the ECE Region” (ECE/HBP/180) was carried out through a questionnaire to analyse further the land administration systems in the Region. Preliminary results of the follow-up study are available in (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2017/5).
- A follow-up study to “Land Registration and Cadastre: One or Two Agencies?” (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/3) has been carried out to analyse what forms of integration can be referred to as mergers and how do these forms contribute to a fundamental change in organisational quality. An abstract of the final findings of the follow-up study can be found in document ECE/HBP/WP.7/2017/4.
- In 2016, the Literature Review: Informal settlements in countries with economies in transition in the UNECE Region was produced. The Technical Guidelines on Informal Settlements are planned to be elaborated during 2017 subject to available financial resources to do so. Work on the Technical Guidelines for Informal Settlements, will continue in 2017-2018. *The Formalizing the Informal: Challenges and Opportunities of Informal Settlements in South-East Europe publication and the Literature Review: Informal settlements in countries with economies in transition in the UNECE Region will serve as inputs to the TGs.* The TGs will be developed in collaboration UN-Habitat and other organizations.

# III. Programme of Work 2018-2019

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- I. WPLA workshops
  - Spring 2018 – WPLA workshop on Land Consolidation
  - Late 2018 - WPLA workshop in Greece on property markets
  - 2019 – Workshops Canada and Norway have interest
- II. Important events
  - Land and Poverty Conference – “Land Governance in an Interconnected World”, 19-23 March 2018, Washington DC
  - FIG Congress, 6-11 May 2018, Turkey
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference on cadaster, June 2018, Bulgaria
- III. Land administration reviews
  - Upcoming Belarus
  - Upcoming Bulgaria (requested)

# Programme of Work 2018-2019 cont.

## IV. Studies

1. Benchmarking in land administration studies on issues such as cost for registration/transfer of real estate and registration of mortgages (including analysis regarding cost for notary or lawyer services, cadastre or private surveyor and land registry)
2. Study on land consolidation and compile best practices for the UNECE region
3. Research on the formalization of informal real estate and informal markets
4. Comparative study on land administration services between countries with extensive land administration development experience and countries with a rapid development. Identify best practices, including also the aspect of PPP
5. Elaborate scenarios for future (5 years' perspective) land administration and land management solutions, taking into account Agenda 2030 and the New Urban Agenda as well as global transformative forces in order to enhance preparedness to adapt to new future states, build resilience for disruptive events and to ensure holistic solutions
6. Study challenges UNECE countries - with mature land administration and land management systems - are facing and share recommendations among all UNECE member states. The study also includes aspects such as adaptation to a more urban approach, relation to municipal systems, 3D cadastre, BIM etc

# Current activities

## **Benchmarking of Land Administration Systems**

Elena Busch (group leader), Beatriz Corredor, Mari Khardziani, Konstantin Litvintcev

## **Land Consolidation**

Rik Wouters (group leader), Julius Ernst, Fredrik Zetterquist, Markku Markkula

## **Informal Settlements**

Chryssy Potsiou (group leader), Tatjana Cenova, Rik Wouters

## **Future Scenarios for Land Administration**

Fredrik Zetterquist (group leader), Julius Ernst, Rik Wouters, Beatriz Corredor, Chryssy Potsiou, Elena Busch, Markku Markkula

## **Fraud in Land Administration**

Howard Bushell (group leader), Tatjana Cenova, Konstantin Litvintcev, Bakytbek Djusupbekov

## **WPLA/REM Cooperation**

Beatriz Corredor (group leader), Rik Wouters, Roberta Marconi, Mari Khardziani

## **Outreach and Promotion**

Howard Bushell (group leader), Markku Markkula



Thank you for your attention!