Land Administration Projects – the Preparation of a Purposeful Legal Framework Must Have Priority

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SUMMARY
In development projects the preparation of a purposeful legal base for the work to be done is often started too late. The operational work begins in the same moment when the legislation aspect is tackled. In many cases the targeted legal framework cannot be finalized during the project term. So the beneficiary disposes of a result which is not based on a valid legal foundation. In addition, this doubtful legal situation hampers the operational work significantly. The authors plead for giving the development of the legal base a higher priority in the project design and to prepare at least an intermediate nucleus regulation before starting operational work. They will analyze the problem with the help of effective cases and show proposals for remedy.