The Hellenic Cadastre: Use of modern technologies to develop an IT and data infrastructure to facilitate large scale cadastral survey procedures

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Current status of the cadastral surveys and cadastral operation in Greece

First round of projects
- Number of Programs: 3 (Pilot A, Pilot B, 1st Main)
- Number of municipalities: 340 (6%)
- Area: 8.400 Km² (6,4%)
- Rights: 5,800,000 (16,9%)
- Registry Offices: 97 (24%)

Launching time
- Pilot A: 1995
- Pilot B: 1997
- 1st Main: 1998

{}Progress status
- Municipalities under cadastral operation: 291 (86%)
- Area: 6,700 Km² (80%)
- Rights: 4,600,000 (80%)
- Offices: 86 (89%)

Statistics of the operation
- Transactions: 4,500 per week
- Approved: 92% (80%)
- Rejected: 6% (80%)
- Pending: 2% (80%)

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- Remove uncertainties due to special categories of public land
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Outline
- Current status of the cadastral surveys and cadastral operation in Greece
- New approaches adopted for increasing efficiency and effectiveness of developing the cadastre
- Projects for developing a data and IT infrastructure for Greece
- Discussion of the experiences obtained so far
- Conclusions
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Increase efficiency and effectiveness
- Use state of the art technologies
- Exploit economies of scale
- Remove risk from the contractors

Problems encountered in the on-going projects
- Pending registrations: 35,000
- Deeds: 5,000,000 pages
- Cadastral plots: 277,000
- Cadastral books: 785,000 pages
- Property rights: ~490,000
- Land parcels: ~280,000

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Modernization of the geodetic infrastructure
Development of HEPOS

- Establishment of one Data Processing Center
- Deployment of ~100 permanent GPS stations
- The system would enable users to achieve 2-6 cm accuracy measurements in the field using a single GPS receiver
- Current status: Evaluation of tender offers
- Expected completion time: 2007
- Budget: 3.2 million Euros

Digitization and computerization of the Dodecanese Cadastre

- The project aims at the digitization and computerization of the maps and documents of the cadastral offices in Rhodes and Kos.
- Land parcels: 280,000
- Property rights: 490,000
- Cadastral books: 785,000 pages
- Cadastral maps: 459 sheets
- Cadastral plans: 277,000
- Documents: 5,000,000 pages
- Funding registration: 35,000

- Budget: 2.5 million Euros
- Current status: Evaluation of economic bids
- Expected completion time: 2008

Development of a digital database of the “active” titles in urban areas

- The project involves the collection and processing of the “active” titles in urban areas of Greece.
- Expected number of property rights that will be collected: 5,400,000
- Number of urban municipalities that will be included in the project: 107
- Current status: Evaluation of tender offers
- Expected completion time: 2008

Very large scale true ortho-imagery for urban areas

- The project will produce very high resolution and accuracy color ortho-imagery for urban areas.
- Area to be covered: ~6,000 km²
- Ground sampling distance: 20cm
- Current status: Evaluation of tender bids
- Expected completion time: 2008

Budget: 3.2 million Euros
1:5.000 scale ortho-photomaps for the entire country
- The project will produce 1:5.000 scale color ortho-photomaps for the entire country.
- Area to be covered: ~332,000 Km²
- Ground sampling distance: 50cm
- Budget: 3.4 million Euros
- Current status: Evaluation of tender bids
- Expected completion time: 2008

Delineation of forests and forest lands in Greece
- The project will produce a preliminary delineation of forest lands in Greece.
- The preliminary delineation will be used as evidence in the cadastral survey procedure for registering public land.
- Budget: 8.3 million Euros
- Expected completion time: 2008

Base maps for delineating the Greek shore
- The project will produce high resolution color-NIR ortho-photomaps for the delineation of the Greek shore and the shore along the banks of the “large” lakes and the “navigable” rivers.
- GSD: 25 cm
- Estimated length of the shore: 16,000 Km
- Width of the zone to be mapped: 500 m
- DTM grid size: 1m
- Budget: 3.4 million Euros
- Current status: Evaluation of tender bids
- Expected completion time: 2008

Modernization of the IT infrastructure of the Hellenic Cadastre
- The project includes:
  - Establishment of a data center and disaster recovery facility
  - Establishment of the telecommunications network between cadastral offices and the headquarters
  - Development of an MIS for Ktimatologio S.A.
- Budget: 10.3 million Euros
- Current status: Evaluation of tender bids
- Expected completion time: 2008

Development of Web services for the dissemination of data
- The project includes the development of Web services that would enable Ktimatologio S.A. to disseminate its data to users
- Budget: 1.07 million Euros
- Current status: Evaluation of tender bids
- Expected completion time: 2008

Development of Web services for the support of future cadastral surveys
- The project includes:
  - Development of Web services that would enable Ktimatologio S.A. to carry out effectively large scale cadastral surveys
  - The services would support:
    - Submission of electronic declarations
    - Dissemination of information about the progress of a cadastral survey
    - Dissemination of the outcomes of objectives
    - Monitoring the cadastral survey works
    - Quality control procedures
- Budget: 3.4 million Euros
- Current status: Evaluation of tender bids
- Expected completion time: 2008
Discussion

Issues faced in the implementation of the Operational Plan
- The procedure to obtain the necessary approvals for the Operational plan was lengthy and bureaucratic
- The stand of the professional societies
- The attitude of involved State agencies
- Complications in the tender procedures

Impact of the Operational Plan
- Redefinition of the Hellenic Geodetic Reference System
- Drafting of a new law about the delineation of the shore using photogrammetric procedures

Conclusions

- The new managerial approach that has been adopted for the development of the Hellenic Cadastre has the potential to improve the effectiveness of the project and the reduction of the costs involved in its development.
- The issues encountered in the design and implementation stages have played an important role in the progress of the implementation of the projects.