

Public-Private Partnerships in Land Administration

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SUMMARY

In land administration a public private partnership is a common form of cooperation used to create and keep land or building records, along with their maintenance. In the Republic of Croatia, public private partnerships were introduced when Croatia became independent, as almost every company had previously been owned by the former country - Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia. With the independence of the Republic of Croatia in 1991, many state-owned enterprises became private companies, including the companies involved in geodetic and cadastral services.

At the beginning of the 21st century, private geodetic practice in various fields was on the rise, especially the services related to cadastre, which has resulted in a significant increase of small companies. In addition to the Basic Act on State Survey and Real Estate Cadastre, the legal regulation was further strengthened by the Law on Geodetic Activity and the association of certified engineers of geodesy to the Croatian Chamber of Certified Geodetic Engineers.

The main tasks and services of the public private partnerships in Croatian geodesy, since the independence of the Republic of Croatia, have been in the domain of official state cartography and the new cadastral surveys necessary in the real property cadastre development.

This cadastre contributes to legal security in real property transactions, simplifies the property registration and the renewal of land registry.

The implementation of cadastral surveys uses the model of public private partnership in which the national or local government are contracting authorities and investors, while a part of work, referring to presentation of data collected in the cadastral surveys as well as the establishment of new records, are performed by the cadastre which is a part of State Geodetic Administration and the

municipal court, a part of Ministry of Justice.

Many other geodetic tasks, such as engineering geodesy, cyclical surveys for various cartographic displays, development of geo-information systems at local, regional and state levels are often based on a public private partnership model where the state administration body has only a role of contracting authority.

This paper thoroughly investigates and analyses the activities of public private partnerships in geodetic field and provides the insight of their impact on the geodetic profession and the daily life of entrepreneurs and other citizens.

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