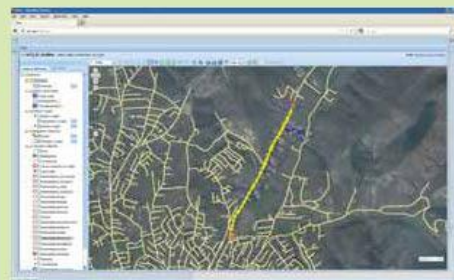
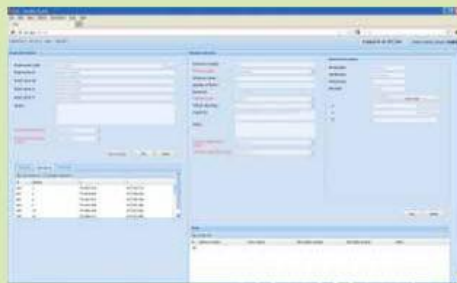


# UNIFYING THE KOSOVO ADDRESS SYSTEM

Kosovo's first ever unified address system is enabling a wide range of services to citizens as well as providing an important element for the national SDI.



Developed with support from the EU Offices in Kosovo and the Norwegian government, the new system stems from the 2011 law on address systems which sets out the format of addresses. It is based on best practice and also complies with the INSPIRE Directive.



The Kosovo Cadastral Agency is responsible for implementing the system centrally whilst 38 municipalities maintain it at a local level. Both use the Address Register Information System (ARIS), a web application used to digitise data and collate road information, units and buildings. The resulting official digital unified system will be distributed via the national geoportal which is due to be completed in 2013.

The initiative is part of further developments to the cadastral system which also includes the registration of buildings which plays a vital role in the operation of the real property market as well as the property tax.

Kosovo has seen an increase in people using their property as collateral, for example to secure mortgages. Consequently the registration of buildings and apartments is a priority for the Cadastral Agency, enabling legal rights to be secured and supporting the creation of an active mortgage market.

A five-year project, supported by the World Bank, is delivering the systematic registration of property. Currently it involves 10 cities with the rest of Kosovo expected to be completed by mid 2014.

