#### **Thoughts on Public-Law Restrictions in Austria**

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## Cadastre and Land Register



based on surveying documents, cadastral map,

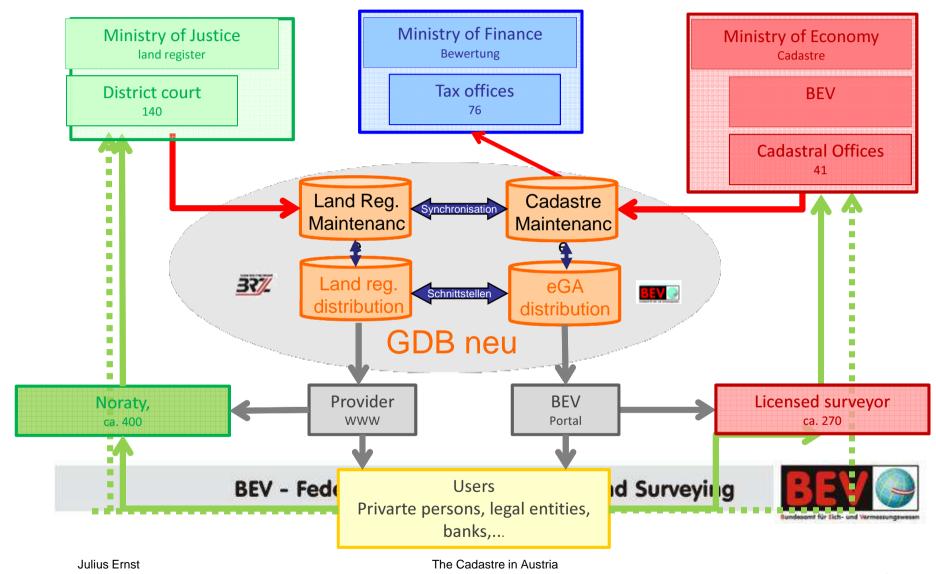
parcel register ...

Authority: Cadastral office

Proof of the legal situation of parcels: ownership, easements, mortgages, rights and obligations ...

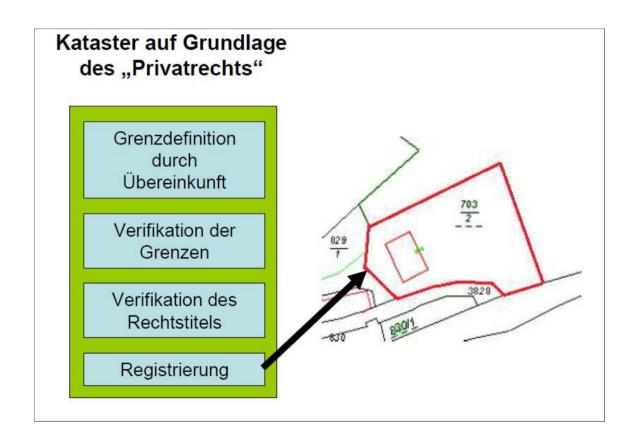
Authority: **District courts** 

**Land register** 



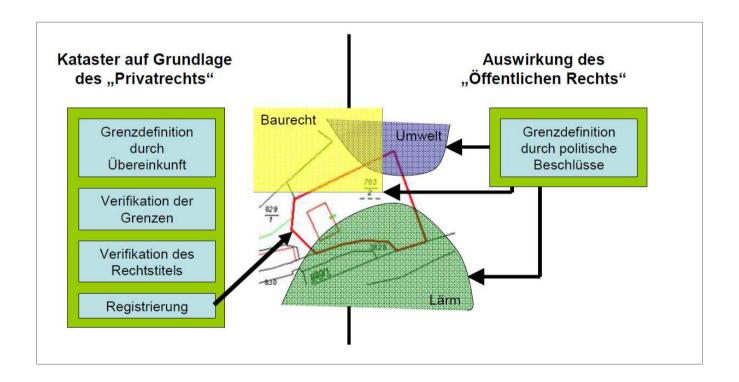


## Cadastre: based on private law





# Impact of public law





#### Status quo in Austria

- Cadastre and LR as main registers
- Public rights and restrictions (PRR) existing in different sources
- PRR only in land register (Grundbuch) and in zoning plans
  - Legally valid, but not "visible"
  - not documented in Cadastre
- Break of the principal of registration!



#### Examples: contaminated sites

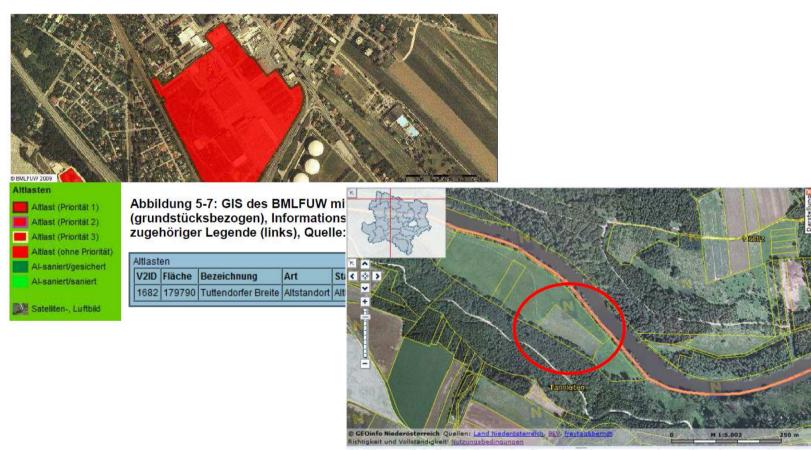


Abbildung 5-9: Darstellung der Grundstücksgrenzen desselben Ausschnitts des Landschaftsschutzgebiets "Thayatal" (www.noe.gv.at), © Land Niederösterreich, NÖ Atlas.



#### Discussion

- Implementation only possible in a joint effort of Cadastre (BEV) and LR (BMJ)
- Good cooperation existing, but...
  - Missing legal framework
  - Lot of resources (personnel and budget) needed (from C + LR)
  - Huge amount of laws and regulations
  - Not possible (in a reasonable timeframe) to start retroactively > To Only forward looking approach makes sense



#### Possible way of implementation

- Analyse existing law and regulations
- Define criteria and conditions
- Importance of implementation, but step by step approach
  - Legal
  - Technical
  - Administrative challenges (different organizations)
- Look to best practice solutions (e.g. Swiss)



## Options for implementations in AT

- Based on the model of Kaufmann und Steudler (1998) in "Cadastre 2014"
- Cadastre as platform
- Show public rights and restrictions (PRR) in the cadastre as a system of different layers
  - Spatial objects of PRR
- Implement as a public register
- Based on law



#### Purpose of PRR- cadastre

- Access to authentic /legal information for anyone
- Different sources of information
- Transparent system to be used by any person
- Principal of publicity: access to information to be used

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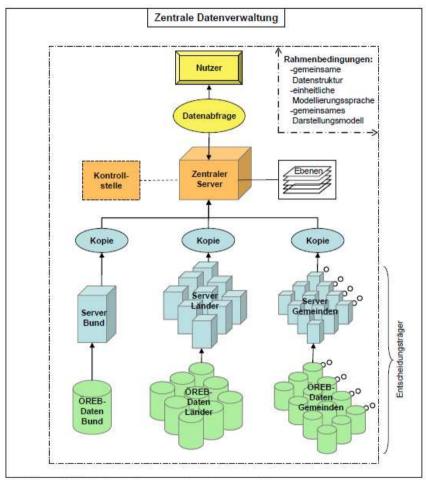


Abbildung 5-11: Schema der zentralen Datenverwaltung.



#### **Summary**

- Implementation of PRR- Cadastre would be important/necessary and possible- but complex
- Joint efforts of BEV and BMJ (Ministry of Justice)
- a complete registration of all PRR is questionable
- there is a need and right to comprehensive information for the public (transparency!)
- huge benefit seen for real estate business and all users



# Thank you for your attention!



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