The economic importance of the Cadaster in Austria

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Agenda

• Main Characteristics of the Cadastre in Austria
• Public-Value Study of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)
• Use of Cadastral information
The Cadastral System of Austria
Some facts and figures

- 84 000 km², 9 Mill. Inhabitants
- 2093 municipalities (7850 Cadastral communities)
- 10.2 Mill. Parcels
- BEV
  - 50 local offices (41 + 9)
  - 1000 employees (~ 540 in Cadastre)

Cadastral Offices
- ~ 50 000 applications per year
- more than 100 000 certifications
- ~ 80 000 business cases
- more than 600 000 changes of parcels

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Main characteristics of the Cadastre

- 100% coverage with parcels (digital)
- Operative Surveying by licensed surveyors
- 18% in “legal border cadaster”
- Digital process from surveyors and between Cadastral Office and Land Register Offices
- Data are public and accessible to everyone
- Full record of any changes concerning parcels since 1883 (Archive with ~ 5 Mill. surveying plans/documents; 89% digitally available)
Certification process in Cadastre

Electronic Entry Process
BEV-Web-Portal

- User data, Check for attachments
- Validation process
- Electronic Signature
- Electronic timestamp

Cadastral Processing in Cadastral Office

- Preview layer of DKM
- "new situation"
- Certification condition for registration in LR

Registration process in land register

Licensed surveyor

Owner

Discussion with all owners

Surveying document

Licensed surveyor

Surveying

Field survey

Licensed surveyor

38. Fachtagung der Vermessungsverwaltungen
Registration in Land Register ("Grundbuch")

Electronic legal transactions
Land Register (Grundbuch)

Cadastral Processing in
Cadastral Office

Update of
Cadastre
Preview layer to
(legal) DKM

Login at Land Registry Portal

Web - portal

Information
publicly available

Notary
Lawyer

Owner

Owner

Preparing all
documents, etc.

Contract

Decision

Formal and legal
Check

Update of
Land Register
(Grundbuch)

System Message
to BEV (KFS)

38. Fachtagung der Vermessungsverwaltungen
Prosperity and Sustainability -
The Cadastral Authorities Role and Contribution
"The economic importance of Metrology and Surveying"

- "Public Value" study of the Austrian Economic Research Institute (WIFO)
- surveyed the social added value that the Federal Office for Metrology and Surveying (BEV) brings to Austria
- How does society, the economy, and every single citizen benefit?
“In total, around 779 000 employees in the sectors listed as examples contribute almost 43 billion euros in added value to Austria's economic output. This corresponds to around 17.6% of total employment or 13% of value added in Austria in 2017.”
Main outcomes ......

- Many branches of industry benefit from Metrology and surveying
- The Federal Office for Metrology and Surveying provides comprehensive and high-quality geodata and ensures the quality of measurements and measuring instruments
- Especially benefit
  - Agriculture and Forestry, food industry, transport and supply networks, construction and real estate industry
Main outcomes.....

- Geodata play an important basis in around 80 percent of all political, economic and administrative decisions. They are indispensable for digitization, for example when the BEV satellite positioning service APOS is used in precise farming or enables snow groomers to be precisely controlled.

- "The Federal Office for Metrology and Surveying shows how important a reliable state infrastructure is, on which the economy can build and which thereby strengthens the business location!"
Main outcomes ..... 

- The BEV offers a lot of important data, such as high-precision geodetic reference systems, aerial photo data, landscape models or land registers. They are an important basis for many decisions in business and administration. The digitization of this and other data is being massively pushed in order to further increase the added value.

- "The Public Value Study more than clearly underlines the role of the BEV as an infrastructure provider, as a reliable and trust-inspiring partner of business and society!"
Economic Importance of the Cadastre

• Important role of the Cadastre for prosperity and sustainability
  – Creates transparency about ownership of real estate
  – Guarantees security of borders of properties
  – Documentation of rights, restrictions, obligations, data for taxation

• Provide state administration with up-to-date data for
  – Regional planning, enables investments and lending, ensure fair and transparent taxation
Documentation of Ownership

• Cadastre and land register as essential part of infrastructure to secure property

• Provide as system with complete, continuously updated, online available documentation of real estates

• Fundament for planning and decision-making for public administration of federal provinces, municipalities and citizens
Use of the Cadastre by state administration

• Large number of administrative processes are supported, the register is constantly accessed

• Used in large number of laws in administration of federal provinces and municipalities

• Information basis for documentation, administration and planning
Use of the Cadastre by state administration

- Road Construction
- Water management
- Spatial planning
- Asset management
- Forestry
- Agriculture and rural areas
- Daily work of municipalities
- Main tasks in connection with cadastre
- Spatial planning and development planning
- Construction works

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Benefit

- Guarantee of legal security, protection of confidence and protection of investments
- Protection of public interests through provision of information
- Basis for determining property values
- Basis for taxation
Use of the data/information

- Open Data-free download
- Free services
- Special products and service: license and fee
Geoportal data.beh.gv.at

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Cadastre - Service

- daily updated data of the cadaster
- free for everyone to use
- large selection of search options
- German and English

- Various types of representation
  - classic, with orthophoto, GIS, cadaster light
- Owners: only for authorities
### Kataster.bev.gv.at

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Thank you for your attention!

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