

Austria

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Cadastre in Austria

The Austrian Cadastre celebrated its 200th Anniversary in 2017.

This jubilee marked a special occasion for the Federal Office for Metrology and Surveying (BEV) which commemorated the history, evolution and importance of the cadastre for the Austrian economy and society.

In 1817, Emperor Franz I commissioned the military service to survey the entire area of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and plot the boundaries of all parcels in cadastral maps thereby creating the cornerstone for the establishment of the cadastre. The territory covered an area of more than 300,000 square kilometres comprising over 50 million parcels of land.

The so-called “Franziszischer Kataster” was finalised in 1861 and was the first complete registration of every single parcel of land in today’s Austria on approximately 54,000 map sheets. All the original maps are kept in the archives of the BEV and digital copies of these documents can be obtained from the BEV Geodata Portal.

The Austrian Cadastre has developed into an indispensable information system with technological progress and continuous adjustments of the legal framework contributing to its success. Today, it provides the basis for planning



and decision making at all levels of public administration and plays an important role in the economy and society.

Continuous interaction with the land register ensures the basis for a secured land administration under the rule of law. The current Austrian land register is a digital public register documenting the location, the boundaries and other relevant additional information of nearly 10.2 million parcels of land that can be used online at all times.

The highlight of the 200th anniversary celebrations was a ceremony on 4 October 2017 at the Festive Hall of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna where around 250 guests from Austrian government, politics, business and science gathered with official representatives from all over Europe.

