In 2017, the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre completed the digitisation of its cadastral maps.

The milestone is the final goal in the transformation of the Real Estate Cadastre and Land Registry.

At the beginning of the social and economic transformation of the Czech Republic in 1993, the decision was taken to renew the land registry, including the registration of material rights and the multi-purpose real estate cadastre. Historical real estate records were used together with information from historical land registries and other sources.

The long-term aim was to combine digitised records on ownership and other material rights, technical data and cadastral maps from different sources in one database. This ensures easy access to real estate information and smooth and speedy registration of rights into the real estate cadastre. In addition, it also promotes the use of cadastral information in the geoinformation systems of public administrations.

Digitisation of data is complemented by the development of quicker and more efficient electronic services as well as new applications. Approximately half of all submissions for registration into the real estate cadastre are electronically delivered, especially by notaries, state authorities, courts and banks.

Digitised information also enables the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre to respond to demand for enriched cadastral content, up-to-datedness of the database and more precise localisation of the real estate cadastre parcels. Furthermore, it contributes to better links between the cadastre and other geographical databases.

The Office has been responsible for the real estate cadastre, land registration and land surveying and state mapping activities since 1993. Priorities now focus on the development of new electronic services, new cadastral mapping and new procedures for updating land use information, building objects, public law restrictions. Linking with other registries to offer a wide range of high quality information to customers is also vital to future plans.