Abstract

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Since 10 years the EULIS-portal is operational. The EULIS portal acts as a hub through which the land registers in different countries are linked. EULIS provides cross border access to the registers for professional users like notaries, banks, real estate agents, etc.

Since the beginning of the EULIS-initiative the EU-Commission was a very important supporter of the basic concept: connecting national land registers to one European platform. In 2012 the Commission developed strong interest to integrate the EULIS portal in the e-Justice portal, thus giving direct access to the land registers in the Member States via its own portal. In 2015 DG Justice approve a grant for the rebuilt of the EULIS-portal as well as funds for member states land register organisations to connect to the portal. The progress of the project will be discussed.

From 2018 the EULIS organisation will no longer maintain the portal. Once the new portal is ready and the ownership will be in the hands of the Commission the role of the EULIS organisation will change. The questions will be: Is there a future for EULIS and if so, what will then the main takes and responsibilities and how we will be organised?". 