



## **Invitation to the Conference and Plenary Meeting of the Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union Helsinki, Finland 19 - 21 November 2019**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the National Land Survey of Finland I have the honour to invite you to the Conference and Plenary Meeting of the Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the EU. The event will take place on November 19 - 21, 2019 in Helsinki, at Hotel Hilton Strand and is organised in cooperation with the EuroGeographics CLRKEN and the WPLA.

The theme of the Finnish Presidency of the Council of European Union is: "Sustainable Europe – Sustainable Future" under which its priorities are to strengthen common values and the rule of law, to make the EU more competitive and socially inclusive, to strengthen the EU's position as a global leader in climate action, and to protect the security of citizens comprehensively.

Registration of real properties in the Cadastre and the Land Register is one of the core functions of the society. Many of these functions have evolved over the decades and have been affected by developments in the society and the modern technologies.

Digitalisation has been advancing since decades, but it has perhaps taken a particularly long stride forward during the very recent years. We can see the strengthening of co-creation, co-operation, networks, and emergence of ecosystems or networks. It makes us look with new eyes at the opportunities that it opens. This development underpins the benefits that can be gained through common or interoperable processes that fulfil the customers' needs and demands in a more satisfying manner.

There have always been several actors like government agencies, municipalities, banks, real estate brokers, citizens, and enterprises, involved in the real estate conveyancing processes but during the recent years we have realised and seen the growing importance of the ecosystems that these different actors are part of. This realisation has led us to adopt the theme "The Ecosystems Related to Real Estate Conveyancing" for our conference. We trust that it offers a fruitful subject to discuss and to widen and deepen our common understanding with the help of presentations from different national perspectives.

Ladies and gentlemen, November is – November – a month that allows you to concentrate on the congress on the one hand but also to get a glimpse of a very native side of Helsinki on the other.

Welcome! I look forward to seeing you all as our guests in November.

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Director General