

The Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union

STATUTES

Article 1 The Permanent Committee and its Mission

The Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union (in the following named PCC) is constituted as an association of the European Union Member States' Cadastral Official Institutions.

Taking into consideration the influence of the Cadastre on the legal systems and the economies of the EU and the Member States, the PCC's main purpose - in compliance with the contents of the PCC's Common Principles - is to serve as a network of excellence on Cadastre, thus facilitating the exchange of information, expertise and best practices among its members.

PCC represents a privileged link between Cadastral Organizations and the organs within the European Union and other institutions requiring information to carry out their activities.

Article 2 Membership

Members of the PCC are the Cadastral Institutions of the Member States of the European Union, which has the specific legal responsibility in creating and updating the land parcel's alphanumeric and graphical geo-referenced information or its coordination at national level.

Each Member State can only be represented by one single public organization.

If different institutions in a Member State hold competences in the area of Cadastre, the institution represented in the PCC acts as a link between those institutions and the PCC. This commitment is fulfilled by communicating the pertinent information to them (Coordination Clause).

The Plenary decides on the admission as observers of national or supranational organizations acting in Europe.

Unlike the members, observers do not have voting rights.

In case of resigning from the PCC, the leaving institution should propose a substitute.

In case of not doing so, the Plenary can invite another public institution, in conformity with the principles stated above.

Article 3 The Presidency

The Presidency of the PCC is held by the Cadastral Institution that represents the Member State currently in charge of the Presidency of the European Union.

If this institution is not in a position to assume this responsibility, the current Presidency may be extended once for six more months. In the negative, it is assumed by another member.

To assure the continuity of the PCC the subsequent Presidencies should be determined at least two presidential periods in advance.

The Presidency is represented by a President, who is named by the institution in charge.

The Presidency of the PCC is entrusted with the following functions:

- stimulate and direct the activities of the PCC, obtaining the necessary aid, and organizing all those events and activities considered necessary for the promotion of PCC's activities;
- represent the PCC, especially at the European Union;
- convoke the meetings of the Plenary and fix the agenda;
- invite the relevant official organizations, institutions and organs interested in the matters to be discussed;
- chair the meetings of the Plenary;
- report to the Plenary about the activities;
- ensure that the agreements of the Plenary are carried out;
- maintain the list of members and observers;
- maintain the website www.eurocadastre.org;
- edit the PCC's publications and bulletins;
- coordinate the working groups and disseminate their conclusions;
- lead and facilitate the works of the Plenary and assume any other function that can be assigned by the Plenary.

Article 4 The Plenary

The Plenary of the PCC is composed by the representatives of the members and observers that designate them in a written declaration to the Presidency.

A meeting of the Plenary should be held at least once every semester.

The convocation and the draft agenda are circulated by the Presidency to all the members at least one month in advance.

In the following two weeks any member may request to add a topic to the agenda. Communication is done by e-mail.

On the motivated demand of at least six members the Presidency has to convoke an extraordinary meeting within two months.

The quorum for a Plenary requires the presence of at least six members.

The Plenary of the PCC is entrusted – among others - with the following functions:

- appoint the subsequent Presidencies in line with what is stated in the first paragraph of the present article;
- accept new members and observers;
- adopt the modifications of the Statutes;
- set up any working group, identifying the required resources, analyse and adopt its conclusions;
- entrust the Presidency with other tasks for a determined term.

Article 5 Steering Committee

The Steering Committee has three members and is comprised of the country representing the active presidency, the outgoing and the incoming presidency. The President of the PCC will chair the Steering Committee meetings.

The Steering Committee works to strengthen the continuity of the representation of the PCC's members' interests and the continuity in processing the questions and problems at issue.

The Steering Committee shall meet at least once during the period of the EU Presidency

Minutes of the Steering Committee meetings will be provided to the members via the PCC "members only" website.

Article 6 Working Groups

Working groups whereby two or more members carry out assignments as delegated by the Plenary, making best use of different experiences and knowledge prevailing in individual Member States, are considered as very important tools to assist the PCC fulfill its functions.

To set up a working group, the promoting organizations submit the specific purpose, its objectives, and the working plan including a schedule to the Presidency, who remits it to all members.

Interested members have to confirm their participation within one month after the call for participation.

The results have to be presented to the Plenary within the established time frames.

Article 7 Voting

Each member has one non-transferable vote.

The following issues have to be decided by a qualified vote that is defined by two thirds of the present members:

1. Modification of the Statutes;
2. Admission of observers.

The Plenary can decide any other issue included in the agenda by simple majority of the present members. In case of equal vote, the President has the casting vote.

Every member has the right to request a secret vote.

The present Statutes of the PCC were approved unanimously by all the members participating in the meeting of Espoo, Finland, 30th of November, 2006.