# THE FINNISH CADASTRE: FULLY DIGITAL WITH FULL COVERAGE, AND AN INTEROPERABLE PART OF THE BASE REGISTER SYSTEM - BUT IS THAT ENOUGH?

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# **QUICK FACTS ABOUT FINLAND**



5.5 million inhabitants



15.8 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>



2.7 million

real estate units



2.6 million

buildings and dwellings



0.6 million

enterprises and corporations



3.7 million

vehicles



## **SHORT HISTORY**

- Roots in the Swedish system
- Own Finnish authority 1812
- Independence 1917
- NLS (11) and municipalities (75) updated their manual Cadastres
   → 86 primary + national LIS as copy
- Land Register in local courts
- 2005 official nation-wide single Cadastre within LIS
  - NLS maintain
  - NLS and municipalities update
  - Fully digital with full coverage
- Land Register to NLS 2010



### DAWN OF CADASTRAL DIGITALIZATION

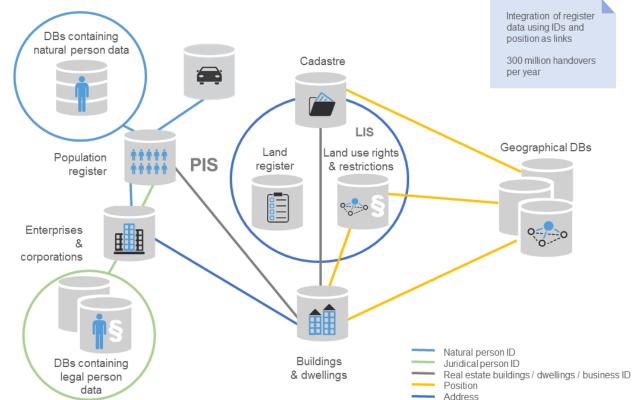
- Computerized data processing used first time in a cadastral survey in 1958 (land consolidation).
- Computer-based register was introduced in 1970



## **CADASTRE OF TODAY**

- Real Estate Formation Act in 1995 came into force 1997
- Same law for urban and rural areas
  - Earlier partly different rules
- Better opportunities to use computerized data processing
- New production system JakoKII rolled out 1998
- New Land Information System in 2005 →
- One nationwide Cadastre and cadastral index map

## **BASE REGISTER SYSTEM**



Finnish Patent and Registration Office



# **CONTENT OF THE CADASTRE**

- Property division
- Incl. shares in common areas
- Connected rights
- Easements, usufructs
- Cadastral index map
- Register units, their identifiers and boundaries
- The State is obliged to pay compensation for errors that are a consequence of decisions taken in cadastral surveys since 1 July 1985.

## REAL PROPERTY REGISTERS

- Cadastre
  - NLS and 75 municipalities update
  - NLS, maintain
- Land Register
  - NLS, update and maintain
  - Register on titles and mortgages and special rights
- Purchase Price Register
  - NLS, updating and maintenance



# **CURRENT ISSUES (1)**

#### Our legacy

- Complexity, time layers → varying specifications and data content → data quality improvement projects since decades
- What data are relevant for today's users?
- What type of Cadastre do we need in the first place?

# **CURRENT ISSUES (2)**

#### Our reality

- Ongoing change towards digital society overall
- Customer needs and demand force towards service orientation
- Use of (register) data increases and diversifies
- Modern positioning, open data → accuracy of boundary data an issue
  - E.g. land owners, forest harvesters, infrastructure construction projects...
- Is coordinate cadastre a solution? If so, to what problem? What if you
  just improved the positional accuracy?

# **CURRENT ISSUES (3)**

#### Technology

- Improving internal efficiency
  - Introduction of automated production processes
  - Introduction of automated decision making Land Registry
    - Not yet AI, legislative and ethical issues
- What quality is good enough for the variety of purposes?
- Do new technologies like Blockchain play a role?
- Crowdsourcing, positioning, sensor data

# **CURRENT ISSUES (4)**

#### Institutions and organization

- Platforms, ecosystems and networks to meet customer needs
  - Interlinked and interoperable registers and databases
  - One-stop-shopping
  - Data quality an essential enabler
  - Appropriate steering and funding mechanisms

# STEPS TOWARDS OUR FUTURE

- Katasteri2035 project
  - Research study at Aalto University, funded by NLS and MAF
  - Aim to provide research-based views and scenarios
  - Ideas and insight for decision making
- Internal NLS discussion and studies on the subject
  - Customer and service based orientation
  - Activities, organization, and management system revisited
  - Enterprise architecture approach
- 3D real properties since Aug 1, 2018 → fundamental change
- ASREK project: housing companies and shareholders



# THE CHALLENGE

- Legacy
- Change
- Demands and aspirations

# SHOWING THE WAY



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