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# **Fundamental Role of Cadastral Systems and How That Might be Challenged by the Climate Change**

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# Content

- Government aims at carbon neutrality
- Cadastral toolbox
- Some examples
- Conclusions



# Inclusive and competent Finland – a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable society

Current government's programme

- Finland is carbon neutral by 2035 and carbon negative soon after.
- Electricity and heat production in Finland must be made nearly emissions-free by the end of the 2030s.

Land use

Land-use sector is both a significant carbon sink and a source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# Cadastral System

- Comprises the cadastral register the map and the land register
  - Boundaries of real estate and location of parcels on the map (DB)
  - All real estate and changes in them registered in the cadastral register.
- The title and mortgage register
  - List of rights concerning a property
  - Information on the rights and restrictions concerning a real estate to strengthen the rights of right-holders and to protect the interests of third parties.

<https://mmm.fi/en/land-surveying-and-spatial-information/cadastral-system-and-surveying>

# Cadastre and Climate Change!

Cadastre and Land Register contain

- no environmental information
- no building information
- only marginally land use planning information
- owner data

Other databases

- topographic and land use data
- soil data

# Keeping Track on Land Use Changes - Project Mammutti

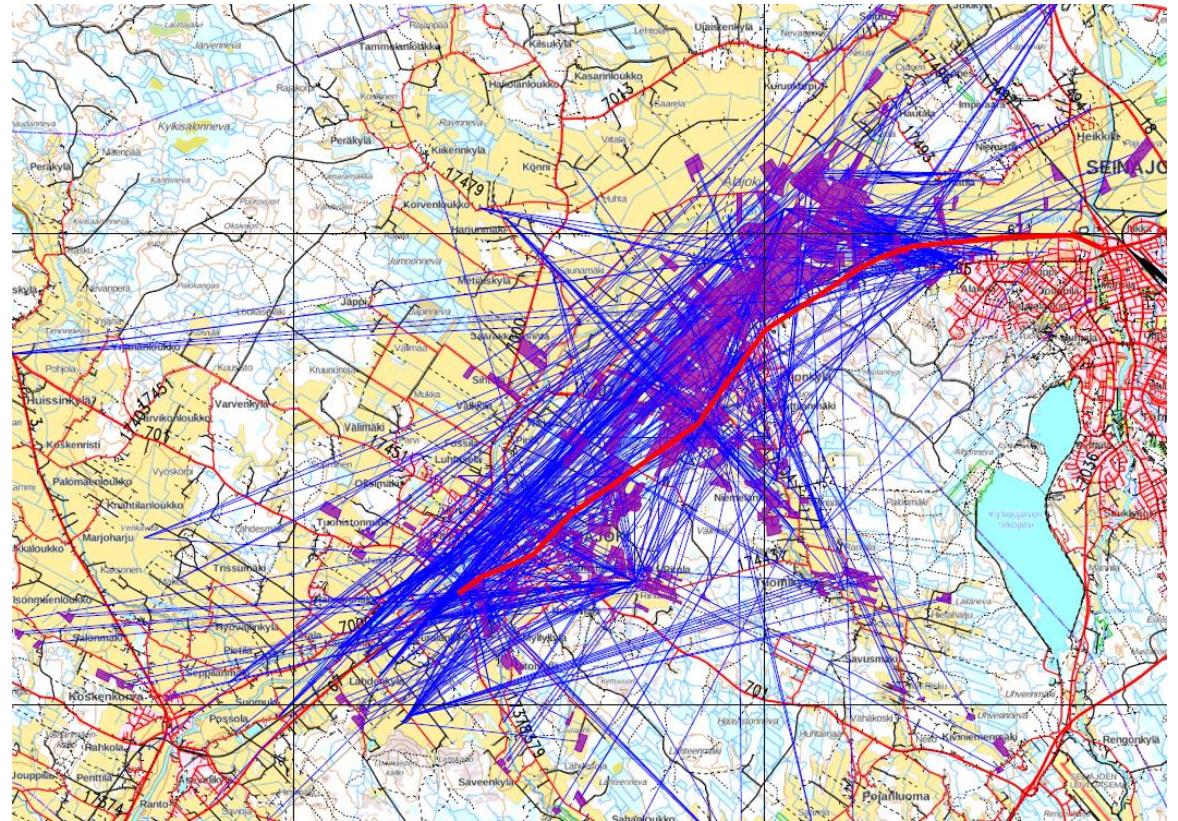
- Joint undertaking: Finnish Environment Institute, NLS, Natural Resources Institute Finland, Finnish Food Authority, Finnish Forest Centre
- Improve the knowledge base describing land use and its changes for planning, decision-making, and reporting
- Create a common operating model for organisations producing land use information enabling regular monitoring of land use and its changes using data from different actors
- Does not cover the Cadastral data so far

# Land Consolidation

- Utilise a broad range of data from different sources
  - Parcels and plots
  - Boundaries
  - Ownership
  - Cultivation type
  - Road network
  - Clearing of new fields
  - Leasehold vs. freehold

# Multiple Effects of Land Consolidation

- Decreasing production costs of farms not the only goal
- Good examples projects that affect e.g.
  - environmental emissions
  - traffic safety
  - vitality of the region.
- The benefits for the farmers, society and environment come hand in hand.



Straight-line distances from farm centres to their fields. You need to use the main road with an average daily traffic of 10 000 vehicles.

# Conclusions

- The Cadastre alone cannot fight the climate change
- It is done with
  - interoperable (base) registers and other databases
  - cross-sectoral cooperation
  - land-use
  - land-use planning
  - research and technology
- It is done with consistent decision-making



# Advancing together

