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WORKING PARTY ON LAND ADMINISTRATION

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Com3: Spatial Information Management
Com7: Cadastre and Land Management

Technical Chamber of Greece

Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveying Engineer

WORKSHOP:
"Spatial Information Management for Sustainable Real Estate Market
Best Practice Guidelines on Nation-wide land Administration"
Athens, 28-31 May 2003

Local Organizers:
Technical Chamber of Greece
Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers

Sponsors:
Technical Chamber of Greece
Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers
Municipality of Athens
Organization of Urban Transportation of Athens
Railway Real Estate Agency
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I. OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The main purposes of the Athens 2003 workshop are as follows:

- To promote development of Land Administration and demonstrate the benefits of good Land Administration for a sustainable economic development;
- To enable international experts and responsible agencies to exchange experiences and ideas, and to present their Best Practices and initiatives in developing the Real Estate Market;
- To exchange international experiences gained through the establishment of Cadastral Spatial Information Management (SIM) projects and National SIM Organizations
- To give an opportunity to all local responsible agencies and experts in Greece to focus on the legal, technical, organizational, financial, institutional and political aspects of Land Administration, based on the new international trends and present their own activities and ideas
- To discuss new trends and ways to update the UN-ECE "Land Administration Guidelines"

II. THEMES OF THE WORKSHOP

The main theme of the Workshop is *Spatial Information Management (SIM) for Sustainable Real Estate Market – Best Practice Guidelines for Nation-wide Land Administration.* It is analyzed through six sub-themes. Two parallel sessions will be organized during the afternoon of the first day, on some of the main topics presented in the UN-ECE publication "Land Administration Guidelines".

The Workshop will be opened by
- the Presidents of the Technical Chamber of Greece and of the Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers,
- Guennadi Vinograov, UN-ECE Secretariat,
- Bengt Kjellson, Chairman of UN-ECE WPLA,
- Prof Holger Magel, FIG President.

The first day will start by a plenary session on the day's main theme: ***Modern Trends in Sustainable Land Administration*.**

Keynote speakers are:
- Prof Holger Magel, President of FIG, Technical University Munich,
- Prof Peter Dale, Honorary President of FIG, University of London,
- Robert W Foster, immediate past President of FIG, Private Sector.

Keynotes will also be given at the beginning of each technical session.

The second day will start with morning technical visits to the Hellenic Cadastre Headquarters and/or a local Land Registry- Mortgage Office. A visit to the Municipality of Athens will follow, where a lunch reception will be given.

The second day's afternoon sessions will both be plenary. The first session will deal with *Best Practice in SIM for sustainable Real Estate Market in Greece*. In the second session the moderators / reporters will summarise the outcome and highlights of their session followed by a discussion with delegates and experts.

The sub-themes and their topics are as follows:

Theme 1. Modern Trends on Sustainable Land Administration

- Main Land Administration issues (land as a resource, Cadastres and Land Registration, Real Estate Units and Identifiers, Land Management and Land Reform, Land Administration as a tool for sustainable economic development)
- The benefits of a good LA system
- The role of SIM technology
- Sustainable Real Estate Market
- Needs and New Trends in Real Estate Market
- Best Practice in LA

Theme 2. Legal Issues

- The legal status of land and real property
- Land parcel information
- Land tenure and real estate market development

- Deeds registration/title registration – comparisons, best practice
- Adjudication of title on land – cost and time effective adjudication process
- Boundaries
- Legal aspects referring to Cadastral surveying
- Recommendations towards a sustainable economic development

Theme 3. Institutional Arrangements and Financial Matters

- Land Policy
- Land Administration activities
- Organization and Management
- Public / Private Partnerships
- Land Valuation, taxation of land and real property
- Costs and benefits of LA / cost recovery
- Marketing Land Registry and cadastral data / data and services pricing policy / copyright / access to the data versus security of private data
- Land information management

Theme 4. SIM for sustainable Real Estate Market -Technical Matters

- Cadastral Surveying – real accuracy demands for real estate market development
- Introducing New Technologies in SIM / Internet / E-government
- Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Cadastral Mapping, Technical Specifications for Real Estate Market development– Scope / Lessons learned / Best Practice

Theme 5. Procedures for introducing a sustainable LA system

- The determination of users needs – Developing awareness in the user community
- The necessity of a strategic plan
- The creation of modern administrative and organizational structures
- Educational and Training issues
- Coordination of all responsible agencies

Theme 6. Good Practice in SIM for sustainable Real Estate Market in Greece

- Hellenic Cadastre project
- Olive-trees Registration project
- Transfer and Mortgages Registration System
- Recording and Management of State-owned Land
- Valuation and Taxation of Land and Real Estate Property

III. Preliminary Workshop's Programme (draft)

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Arrival of the participants

Preparatory meetings

17:30 - 18:30 Workshop's Preparatory Meeting will be attended by Chairpersons, Reporters, Speakers, Working Party Bureau Members, UNECE Secretariat, a representative of FIG

19:00 ***Welcome Reception for all participants of the Workshop***

Thursday, May 29, 2003

8:30 - 9:30 Registration of the participants (Foyer)

9:30 -11:00 **Official Opening of the Workshop**
- Welcoming address: Local Organizing Committee
- Opening speeches of the Hellenic Hosts (TCG & HARSE & KTIMATOLOGIO SA)
- Welcoming Address by Guennadi Vinogradov (UNECE Secretariat)
- Welcoming Address by Mr. Bengt Kjellson, Chairman of the UN / ECE Working Party on Land Administration
- Welcoming Address by Sponsors
- Keynote speech by Prof. Holger Magel, FIG President

11:00 – 11:15 Organizational announcements

11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 13:30 **Plenary Session**
Theme 1. Modern Trends in Sustainable Land Administration
Invited Keynote Speakers

13:30 – 15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00 – 16:15 **Theme 2. Legal Issues (room A)**

Theme 3. Institutional Arrangements and Financial Matters (room B)

16:15 - 16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45 - 18:00 **Theme 4. SIM for sustainable Real Estate Market – Technical Matters (room A)**

Theme 5. Procedures for Introducing a sustainable LA system (room B)

20:00 *Dinner*

Friday, 30 May, 2003

8:30 - 11:00 Technical Visit to the Hellenic Cadastre and/or a Local Land Registry Office *(Bus will start from the Hotel)*

11:30 - 13:30 Visit to the Municipality of Athens
Welcoming Address by Mr. P Akritidis, Vice Mayor of Athens

Reception at the Municipality of Athens

13:30 - 14:30 Return to the Conference Centre

15:00- 16:15 **Plenary Session**
Theme 6. Good Practice in SIM for sustainable Real Estate Market in Greece

16:15 –16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45 –18:00 **Plenary Session**
Conclusions and Resolutions

20:00 *Dinner*

Saturday, 31 May, 2003

Departure of the Participants

10:00 – 14:30 Meeting of the Bureau of the ECE Working Party on Land Administration

IV. CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts not exceeding 2 pages including short CV and contact information should be submitted to the TCG, e-mail: **fig@central.tee.gr**

Abstracts are requested to be submitted in electronic format, if possible in MS-Word. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **4 April 2003**.
Confirmation of acceptance **11 April 2003.**
The deadline for submission of full papers is **5 May 2003**.

The final programme will be available on the ECE-WPLA web site: **http://www.unece.org/env/hs/wpla/** and FIG web site **http://www.fig.net** at the beginning of May 2003. All full papers will be issued and distributed at the Workshop. All papers will also be posted on the WPLA web site after the Workshop.

V. ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

Venue

The Workshop will be held at **DIVANI APOLLON PALACE Hotel, 10 Agiou Nikolaou & Iliou Str., 166 71 Vouliagmeni, Athens, Greece.**

Vouliagmeni is a spectacular suburb located at the Saronic Bay coast, at the north eastern part of Attica, about 20 km from the Athens centre. More information about the Workshop venue can be found at the web site: **http://www.divaniapollon.gr**

Hotel

The Local Organizers have negotiated the prices for room accommodation for a limited number of rooms. The prices are as follows (taxes included):
Single Superior room including American breakfast Buffet **182 Euro** per night
Double Superior room including American breakfast Buffet **192 Euro** per night

Hotel reservations for the "UN ECE / FIG Workshop" should be done at the following E-mail address: **fig@central.tee.gr** before **28 March 2003**.

Terms of payment:

Participants will not pay any registration fees.

The total amount of money for hotel accommodation (3 nights) should be paid in advance by credit card.

Organizing Committee:

P. Akritidis, Vice Mayor of Athens
J. Alavanos, Vice President TCG
G. Apostolatos
M. Drakakis, Member of the Board of TCG
N. Ionas, President of HARSE
A. Karagiannaki
G. Papavassiliou, President of Org. of Urban Transportation of Athens
Dr. C. A. Potsiou, Chair of the Org. Com., Bureau member of UN-ECE WPLA
M. Stagianni, Vice President of HARSE
J. Theodorakis, Member of the Board of TCG
G. Tsoukalas, Managing Director of Railway Real Estate Agency

Weather Information

In the region of Attica, summertime usually starts in late May. More information about the weather can be found at:
http://www.ntua.gr/weather/

Other Information

Conference language will be English.
There will be **no registration fees**.
Two receptions will be free for all participants. Participants will have to pay for their lunches
For all additional inquiries on practical issues (visa, registration, etc.) can be made at the following address:

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this registration form to fig@central.tee.gr preferably before March 28th, 2003.
Thank you very much

Name of Participant:	
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Organization:	
Title:	
Official Address:	
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Tel: **Fax:**	
e-mail address:	
Date of Arrival: **Date of Departure:**	
Paper presentation (optional):	
Title of presentation: **Media:** i.e. which visualization media do you need during your presentation	
Visa support needed:	
Any other particular requirement:	
Hotel reservation: **Single/double room (shared with)** **Number of nights** **Credit card no**	
Date, signature	