

A Short History of Cadastre Survey in Kosovo

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ABSTRACT

The first surveying by the orthogonal and polar methods (in a scale 1:500 and 1:2500) was carried out during 1930 – 1933. Previously the tapia system from the Ottoman period was in use.

After the Second World War, in 1953 and 1956 respectively, the Revision of the Cadastre took place. The surveying by stereo-photogrammetry in Kosovo started in 1958, and was finished in 1985. The plans were in a scale 1:1000 for urban areas and 1:2500 for rural areas. The land consolidation started in 1980, but was never finished. As for the Cadastre of Utilities (Underground Cadastre) the law was passed, but very little was done in practice. The post 1999 conflict in Kosovo had negative impact on Kosovo cadastre. Most of the original plans, unfinished cadastral elaborates and instruments were removed to Serbia and have not yet been returned.

The Kosovo Cadastral Agency was established by the mid of 2000, and is working on reconstruction of the Kosovo cadastre as well as on appliance of the GIS, GPS and other new methods. This program will be implemented during three years period.

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