

Proposal for the activities of Cadastral Maps Network in 2011/2012

The final aim of Cadastral Maps Network is digitization and GIS-based internet-publication of the cadastral maps – and if possible also the connected cadastral records – of the former Habsburg Monarchy (since 1867 Austro-Hungarian Monarchy) based on common standards and methods. The new and innovative methods of presenting georeferenced cadastral maps online can be enlarged easily to cover other types of documents or even other European areas or periods.

The working programme of 2011/2012 should concentrate on the necessary preparatory phases to draft an international project for standardised mass digitisation and online publication of cadastral documents.

1. *Collecting and assessment of information on cadastral maps and documents preserved in the countries of the former Habsburg Monarchy.*

Budapest City Archives undertakes the task to draft a questionnaire inquiring the type, quantity, accessibility, physical condition, legal condition and other relevant data of cadastral documents. After consultation and finalization of the draft questionnaire it will be distributed to all ICARUS-members. (All members will be kindly ask to collect information about non-member institutions too, with which they have good cooperation). The answers will be summarized and assessed by Budapest City Archives.

2. *Collecting the existing literature on the history of cadastral surveys, descriptions and finding aids of cadastral collections.*

Creation of a Cadastral Map section on ICARUS website. Upload of the reachable literature on the history of cadastral surveys and related topics, existing descriptions of cadastral collections. (Content provided by the member institutions, all materials in original language, possibly with short English or German summaries.)

3. *Collecting information on digitisation projects of cadastral maps, which has been already carried out or are in process.*

Upload of project descriptions and information materials on methodological and practical questions of digitisation and Internet publication (provided by the partner institutions, in original language, possibly with short English or German summary). This kind of information exchange should not be restricted to the topic of cadastral documents in narrow sense, but include general questions about georeferencing of historical maps or processing and publication any kind of archival information with GIS basis.

4. *In the framework of ENArC Expert Exchange Programme there would be a possibility to organize experience exchanges.*