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Register of the Maps in the National Archives of Estonia

Workshop: Cartography and cadastral maps

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Register of the Maps in the National Archives of Estonia

The three purposes:

- to assemble all descriptions of maps into one place
- to give as simple as possible searching tools without assuming from users expert knowledge in historical geography and land surveying history
- to display digitized maps as convenient as possible

The collection of maps in Estonian National Archives

- The „collection“ of maps - approximately 200 000 map sheets from 17th -20th century:
 - located in the archival fonds of the institutions where maps were created or used
 - most valuable part of the collection – ca 3000 maps from the period of Swedish power (from the end of the 17th and the beginning of 18th century)
 - majority of maps are created in 19th and 20th century as a result of determining the economic potential of manors or the boundaries of land units

The collection of maps in Estonian national Archives



- Historical Archives:
- ca 100 000 maps



- State Archives:
- ca 65 000 maps

Digitization project

From June 2010 until May 2012 the EU project
„The Digitizing of Maps and Blueprints of the
National Archives”

19 700 maps

10 TB

506 000 EUR

Register of the Maps

- First database was created in 1998
- New register of maps was started in 2010
- Today we have:
 - 108 615 descriptions
 - 30 500 digital images

Student of archival studies describing farm plans



The Register of the Maps



Thank you!

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