

WPLA Workshop Held

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A WPLA workshop entitled „Real Estate Infrastructure: Fit for Use?“ was hosted by the UN Economic Commission for Europe, the Federal Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Austria, and the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying (BEV) of the Republic of Austria on 16-17 October 2014 in Vienna, the Republic of Austria.

The theme of the workshop was chosen because of its relevance to the countries of the UNECE region, which strive to provide efficient and transparent land management services. Developing such processes supports efficient real estate market, but can also serve as a basis for a wide spectrum of land administration functions, resulting in benefits for the society as a whole.

The purpose of the workshop was to share experiences and present to the participants the recent achievements and major challenges in developing real estate infrastructure from a technical, organizational and innovative perspective. The purpose of the workshop was also to investigate optimizing processes and organizational issues as well as focus on opportunities for future development.

The event provided a great opportunity to introduce innovations in land administration and to develop strategic and valuable relationships with land administration professionals from across the globe. The participants were privileged to hear the presentations of several distinguished speakers, the most renowned of whom included: Wernher Hoffmann, the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying (BEV) of the Republic of Austria, Michaela Steinacker, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Austria and General Representative of the Raiffeisen Evolution Group, Mika-Petteri Törhönen, Senior Land Policy Specialist, the World Bank, David Lovell, EuroGeographics, but many others as well.

Given the importance of this workshop, the staff of the Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real

Property Affairs of FBiH took part in it, thereby continuing the strategy to modernize land administration processes and strengthen cooperation on regional and international levels. The WPLA workshop was attended by Jelena Zelić, staff of the CILAP Project, and Denis Tabučić, staff of the Department of Geoinformatics, the Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real Property Affairs of FBiH.