

Cadastre and Land Registry Harmonization in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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SUMMARY

The cadastre and land registry in Bosnia and Herzegovina were established over the period between 1879 and 1911. They have ever since been on a long evolutionary journey, interspersed with many drastic changes (e.g., five different political regimes, with social systems ranging from feudalism through capitalism to socialism and eventual reinstatement of capitalism in early 1990s). This paper discusses evolution of the cadastre and land registry since their inception to date, focusing especially on the causes that led to their divergence. This divergence is manifested through the presence of two completely different systems of records in most of the territory of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is a serious impediment to economic development, resulting in the steps being taken as of late to harmonize the cadastre and land registry. These steps are described in this paper on the level of methodology and on the level of activities that are undertaken.