

## **Plenary Session 2 – Co-operation between Land Administration and SDI Keynote presentation**

### **Spatial Data Infrastructures and Land Administration in Europe**

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#### **SUMMARY**

Europe's history resulted in a variety of nations, with various policies regarding the land issue and with a diversity of land administration systems. The organisation of the public administration reflects different views on the role of the State and the division of power between central and local government. Despite all differences however, these nations also have something in common: land policies are in place and so have systems of land administration. A fundamental re-thinking of information flows was necessary for supporting the exertion of public functions, and it revealed the need for an infrastructural approach to data-acquisition and information-supply. This means that the information function in the public administration is pursued in an orchestrated manner. This approach has two drivers. The first is the need for quality information for decision support. The second is the optimisation of the return on investments in public information availability. To capitalise on a better information-process certain problems and barriers are to be razed, which in some cases is not possible without political attention and decisiveness.