

Spatial Knowledge Management in Land Administration

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ABSTRACT

The paper deals with the experiences of a European Union sponsored LEONARDO da VINCI project, Land Information Management for Executives (LIME), co-ordinated by the College of Geoinformatics, University of West Hungary (GEO).

LIME aimed:

- (1) to identify skill and qualification needs, particularly in relation to jobs in the new information and communication technologies, specifically in land information services; this produced a new profession of 'land information manager assistant';
- (2) to develop, test and analyse new validation / certification methods for skills and qualifications, including key skills and skills acquired through work experience; this will result in the accreditation of the course by the National Course Register in 2002;
- (3) to develop innovative approaches to attaining a standardized, equal quality of training; this was achieved by setting up 7 local centres (with the provision for more centres to be established). These centres allow the distance-learning participant to access additional services and help during their course of study.

The outcomes were a knowledge resource centre and an Internet-supported distributed education service for the Hungarian Land Administration. The results of the investigations and future plans are presented in this paper.

The project created an even more flexible and widely applicable staff development resource that can be used by individuals from many civil service disciplines. The provision of such a resource is essential for adequate staff development to support those preparing for Hungary's accession to the EU. The LIME project updated and improved the structure and developed a new short course in land information management, creating an EU conform new profession called "land information manager assistant".

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