

# Status and challenges in the Norwegian cadastre



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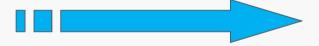




#### The Norwegian cadastral history up to 1960

- Ø The origin: the court protocols and the tax cadastre of the 1600s
- - in the Kingdom of Denmark-Norway
- Ø 1815-16: the first cadastral mapping is stopped in Norway
  - Norway in union with Sweden from 1814
- Ø 1818-1836: modernization of the tax cadastre
  - Ø based on valuation, no cadastral surveying
- 2 1848 coordination of land books and tax cadastre based on the identification number of the cadastre
- 2 1859 the land consolidation courts are established
- Throughout 1800s cadastral mapping is introduced in cities and towns
  - On individual basis
- Laymen conducting land subdivisions in rural areas
- 7 The decades around 1900 attempts for cadastral mapping in rural areas fails

Development after 1960



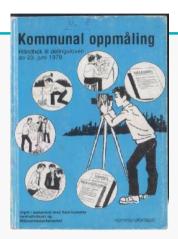
# The economic mapping project

- After WW2 increased focus on land planning and control
- Ø 1960 − economic mapping of rural areas starts
- Photogrammetric methods
- Poor quality control
  - Initially only properties larger than 0,5 ha are to be mapped
- No approval from the land owners of the recorded boundaries

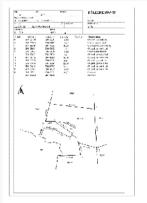


#### Cadastral reform from 1980

- Triggered by the need to update the new economic maps
- Nationwide cadastral surveying is introduced
- Municipal surveying (monopoly)
- New multipurpose cadastre is introduced (the GAB system),
  - Ø But no nationwide cadastral map
- No strengthening of education, nor research in field of cadastre
- No authorization of surveyors

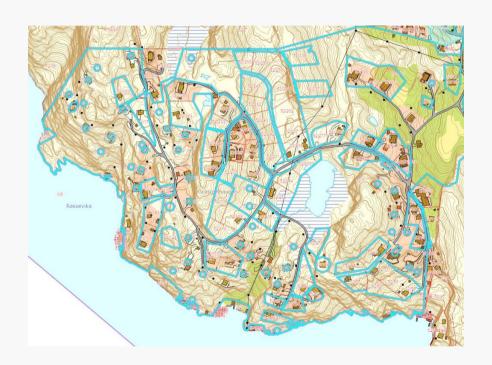






## Attempts for improvements after 1980

- Digitization of economic maps starts mid 1980s
- Quality problems becomes apparent from early 1990s
- Cadastral law renewal from mid 1990s.
- Proposal for national cadastral map
- Proposal for privatization of cadastral surveying, and authorization
- Ø New law adopted in 2005
- Introduction of private authorized surveyors rejected in 2007
- Nationwide cadastral map implemented from 2010



### New initiatives for authorized private surveyors in 2015

- Private surveying companies takes political initiatives for privatization in 2015
- The government is in favor
- Law proposal to the Parliament summer 2017
- Parliament election autumn 2017, change in Parliament majority
- Ø Decision in Parliament on 15 March 2018
  - Privatization is once again rejected by the Parliament, the Municipal monopoly shall continue
  - The Parliament is positive to authorization



#### Characteristics of the present system

ØThe Land register supports a well functioning land market

ØPoor quality in the cadastral map (and in the cadastre in general)

#### ØFragmented organization

ØMunicipal surveying is the overall dominating system

ØThe Land Consolidation Courts is "the second way" to cadastral surveying

ØThe Mapping Authority is assigned a responsibility for supervision and develops the technical system

#### ØPoor boundary determination system

ØNo formal obligations for neither the municipal surveyors nor the land consolidation judge to perform investigations

ØNo education requirements for municipal cadastral surveyors

ØHigh and increasing number of boundary disputes

ØHow authorization will be implemented is unclear



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## Measures for improvement

- Strengthening the educational system as basis for authorization and development of a surveying profession
- Improve the boundary determination system
- Strengthening of a central body responsible for the cadastral map
- Ø Focus on research

