

„National Programme for Cadastre and Land Book – an opportunity for Romania’s economic development”

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On the 15th of April 2015 the Romanian Government adopted HG 294/2015, regarding the National Programme for Cadastre and Land Book 2015-2023. According to Romanian law, this National Programme is managed by the National Agency for Cadastre and Land Book (NACLR) and aims to systematically register all real estate as part of the integrated cadastre and land book system, across the entire country. This registration is a complex process, comprised of the following key components:

- Public awareness and information campaigns for citizens
- Identifying real estate and its owners
- Plotting and cadastral surveying
- Collecting legal documents and paperwork from owners
- Integrating and processing data as part of creating cadastral documentation
- Making cadastral documentation publicly available
- Registering and processing any alterations requested by owners
- Updating cadastral documentation and the land book

Romanian citizens’ right to private land ownership (and protection for this right) is enshrined in the Constitution. Generally, land and real estate represent the most valuable property citizens have, and their utilization is the basis for social and economic prosperity. NACLR is the agency responsible for protecting the right to land ownership and ensuring the safe transactioning of this right. Currently, we are facing a situation in which property deeds are not part of a unified database, in Romania. NACLR only has 50% of property deeds in its database and has verified and input a mere 20% into the e-Terra digital system. This number is especially low in rural areas.

The debate organized by the New Strategy Center aims to identify solutions which would lead to an increase in the pace of real estate registration, as well as preventing obstacles from intervening in the process of identifying, plotting and registering land and real estate in the cadastre and land book.