

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Report of the Meeting of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)

28 June 2016

9:30 – 17:00 (CET)

BEV, Vienna, Austria

Attendance:

Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli (Azerbaijan), Chair
Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands), Vice-Chair
Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom), Vice-Chair
Mr. Arturo Angelini (Italy), Bureau member
Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria), Bureau member
Ms. Pia Højgaard (Denmark), Bureau member
Mr. James O'Boyle (Ireland), Bureau member
Mr. Markku Markkula (Finland), Bureau member
Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece), Bureau member (remotely)
Ms. Amie Figueiredo, UNECE Secretariat

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

1. The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Working Party, Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli. The Bureau adopted the agenda without amendment.

Item 2: WPLA Workshops for 2016-2017

2. Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli, Mr. Rik Wouters and Ms. Julie Barry gave a summary of the Seminar in Romania as a part of the approved EU HORIZON 2020 project. It was a successful meeting which discussed consolidation issues and similarities in neighboring countries though the organization was very late. Ms. Adriana Poggi requested Ms. Julie Barry to join the expert group. The Secretariat will draft a letter of thanks to ANCPI for the Seminar.
3. The secretariat will send out the save the date for the WPLA workshop in Madrid, 24-25 November 2016. Ms. Julie Barry and the Bureau to work with the Registradores de España to finalize the agenda and logistics for the workshop.
4. Mr. Julius Ernst updated the Bureau on the preparations for workshop in Vienna 5-6 October 2017 as part of The Common Vision Conference 2017, organized by the BEV, including the participation of WPLA, PCC, Eurogeographics, FIG, etc. There will be various events taking place which the WPLA will be invited to, including the celebration happening on Wednesday 4 October before the event.
5. Discussion that the likelihood of second workshop in 2017 to be in Canada is low. Other potential options are Cyprus, United States and Czech Republic. WPLA Bureau to inquire about interest in hosting these.

Item 3: WPLA participation in international events

6. Ms. Julie Barry gave a summary of the [European Habitat](#) held in Prague 16-18 March 2016 which was well attended with nearly 4,000 participants. She represented the WPLA in the CHLM Bureau meeting on 16 March 2016.
7. Mr. Rik Wouters gave feedback on the World Bank Annual Land and Poverty Conference held in Washington, DC, on 14-18 March 2016 and his presentation of the final paper on the merger study, the link to the [official paper at the World Bank conference website](#). Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli was chairing one of the Conference sessions.
8. Mr. Rik Wouters, Ms. Julie Barry and Mr. Julius Ernst attended [UN-GGIM HLM in Addis Ababa](#), 20-22 April 2016. They will send out the Action Plan to the rest of the Bureau. The Third Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe will be 5 October 2016, in Budapest. Mr. Rik Wouters will contact Mr. Kees de Zeeuw to ask about UN-GGIM Europe and WPLA's involvement. UN-GGIM Europe secretariat will become UNECE statistics divisions to be in line with all the other regional. The WPLA secretariat will send the resolution on this to the Bureau.
9. Joint Conference of PCC, EuroGeographics and EULIS will be held in Bratislava on 16 – 18 November 2016. The main topic of the meeting will be “Role of the Cadastre and Land Registration in the Interaction with Partners”.
10. FIG Workshop on Sustainable Real Estate Markets Policy Framework and Necessary Reforms 19-20 September 2016 Athens, Greece. <http://fig-tfrealstate.ntua.gr>
 - a. Bureau to decide the level of participation of the WPLA in the workshop.
 - b. Mr. Rik Wouters to ask REM members if they would like to participate in this workshop.
11. [INSPIRE Conference 2016](#) will take place in Barcelona, 26-30 September 2016. UNECE has been asked to participate in the joint FAO/EU JRC/UNECE/World Bank workshop: Financing the Evolution of Spatial Data Infrastructures. The Secretariat will inform the workshop organizers if there is any interest from the Bureau to participate.
12. [Conference on Housing Finance – Market and Structures](#), 14 November 2016, Berlin, Germany. The WPLA will be represented in this event.
13. XXIII ELRA General Assembly 1-2 December 2016

Item 4: Programme of work 2016-2017 and the Work of Task Groups

14. Programme of work 2016-2017: Task Groups
 - a. Task group 1 for seminars and workshops in member States, “Group for workshops” remains without Ms. Chryssy Potsiou
 - b. Task group 2 “Group for land administration reviews and country profiles” will be closed. Ms. Julie Barry will prepare report from the last mission she participated in as a guide for future Reviews.
 - c. Task group 3 “Group for publication” will be renamed “Group for outreach and Promotion”. The purpose of this group is to preserve the history and knowledge of the work of the WPLA.
 - i. Ms. Julie Barry will be the group leader.
 - ii. WPLA Facebook page will be closed; Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli will request login information to close account.
 - iii. LinkedIn page will be created for WPLA.

- iv. The HLM twitter @UNECEHLM (<https://twitter.com/UNECEHLM>) can be used to disseminate information on the activities of the WPLA also.
 - v. Secretariat will explore the possibilities of setting up password protected access to a WPLA webpage on [unece.org/housing](http://www.unece.org/housing) page or whether to continue using the wiki (<http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/quick-links/log-in/committee-bureau.html>). Bureau to decide which is an easier option
 - d. Task group 4 “Group for benchmarking and inventories” continues and the new survey will be sent out to focal points after it is sent to the REM for input.
 - e. Task group 5 “Group for cooperation with national organizations” needs a group leader.
 - f. Task group 6 “Group for cooperation with international organizations and interregional cooperation” remains without Ms. Chryssy Potsiou.
 - g. Task group 7 for the study on “Land registration and cadaster – one or two agencies?” and its promotion, will close once the study is finalized.
 - i. Mr. Rik Wouters gave an update on the results of the second survey and will schedule a WebEx meeting to discuss the findings further with the Bureau and Mr. Walter de Vries.
 - ii. Final presentation to be at the Committee Session in September 2016.
 - h. Task Group 8 “Cooperation WPLA/REM” Mr. Rik Wouters will continue to update the Bureau and liaise with the REM.
 - i. Set to approve the workplan in September 2016 during the Committee Session, meeting schedule for Wednesday, 14 September 2016 8:30 in Room XVI.
15. Marine Cadaster work. Mr. Rik Wouters will keep the Bureau updated as things progress. Marine data infrastructure is an important topic for some countries in the region.
16. Work on Informal Settlements, UN-Habitat has restated their interest in working on Technical Guidelines for Informal settlements and that they will have capacity to do so in the end of 2016 but most likely in 2017. The [Formalizing the Informal publication](#) by Ms. Chryssy Potsiou and the [literature review](#) will serve as inputs to the TGs.

Item 5: 77th CHLM Session

- 17. The [77th Session of the Committee of Housing and Land Management](#) will be held on 13-14 September 2016 Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva
- 18. The Bureau meeting will be held Tuesday, 13 September 2016, 13:30.
- 19. The [Land administration and management session](#) will be on Wednesday, 14 September 2016, 11:30-12:30 in Room XVI.
 - i. The activities of the WPLA will be presented by Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli; proposals for the organization of the Working Party Tenth session in March 2017 by Ms. Amie Figueiredo; Information on the progress of a study on advantages and disadvantages of unification of land registries and cadastres by Mr. Rik Wouters.

Item 6: 10th WPLA Session

20. The Tenth Session of the Working Party on Land Administration will be on 8-9 March 2017 in Room VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva
21. Workshop will be held on 7 March 2017 before the 2-day Session. Bureau to brainstorm on potential topics for workshop and Sessions. Secretariat to send out documents from last session to assist.
22. Bureau would like to organize the Third Meeting of international organizations during the 10th Session.
23. There will be the election of new Bureau members and Chair at the 10th Session. The Secretariat will send out a reminder for Bureau members to request nominations from their respective agencies. Once these nominations are received, the secretariat will contact their Missions in Geneva for their support.
24. Members of the current Bureau:
- i. Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli (Azerbaijan) will step down as Chair.
 - ii. Mr. Markku Markkula (Finland) and Ms. Pia Højgaard (Denmark) will not seek re-election.
 - iii. Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece), Mr. James O'Boyle (Ireland), Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria), Mr. Arturo Angelini (Italy), Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom), and Mr. Rik Wouters (The Netherlands) will seek re-election to the Bureau.
25. Looking for new Bureau members, Switzerland has expressed interest in joining the Bureau.

Item 7: Other business

26. The Bureau discussed on how to work together with international organizations and their projects.
27. UNECE will participate in the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development ([Habitat III](#)) on 17-20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador.

Item 8: Next Bureau meeting

28. The next Bureau meeting will be held Tuesday, 13 September 2016, 13:30 in Room TBC. There will also be a Bureau meeting during the Workshop in Madrid, 24-25 November 2016.