

Land Registers Interconnected

“Does the person own properties somewhere in Europe?”

“Are there any restrictions placed on the property?”

“Is the seller really the true owner of that property?”

The LRI service (Land Register Interconnection)
at the e-Justice portal e-justice.europa.eu has an answer.
See the demonstration site at tinyurl.com/LRI-service

The LRI Service allows you to:

- Search for property data across all connected land registers of the European Member States.
- Search within one specific country with more detailed search options.
- Find information about the registered properties, the owners of the properties, and existing property restrictions.

Estonia and Austria – already connected:

In 2019 Estonia and Austria connected their land registers to the central LRI service.

In 2018 the Justice Programme of the European Union funded the first project “LRI MS Connection” for interconnecting the land registers of Austria and Estonia to the central LRI service at the European Commission’s e-Justice Portal.

The full title of the project is ‘LRI Member State Connection - analysis, design and implementation of the national Web services for communication with the Land Registers Interconnection (LRI) platform at the European e-Justice Portal — LRI MS Connection’.

The project “LRI MS Connection” was conducted from March 2018 to May 2019 and served as a pilot project. Estonia and Austria have analysed various aspects of cross-border interconnections of national land registers such as harmonizing search functionalities, handling of payment issues and the improvement of the authentication system. The project partners have presented their improvement proposals for the LRI service to the European Commission. The follow-up Member States interested in connecting to the pan-European LRI service will benefit from the knowledge and experiences shared in the the project reports.

For more about the project ‘LRI MS Connection’:

Please visit the project website: lri-ms.eu

The LRI service supports the four freedoms of the European Single Market – free movement of goods, services, capital and persons.



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Ongoing LRI Development:

- By 2020 the LRI service will provide a credit card payment option. This allows the users of the service to search for and acquire property data which is subject to the payment of a fee.
- In the upcoming years it is envisioned that the LRI service will be tuned to provide a role-based search service. This allows professionals, such as public officials, legal professionals, notaries others to conduct cross-border searches of property data according to their professional needs, and with extended search options.
- In the next few years more European Member States will follow and connect their land registers with the central LRI service at the e-Justice Portal.

Design of the LRI Service:

The central LRI search engine retrieves data from the national land registers of each country. Therefore the search results are always up to date and accurate according to the provisions of the national land register. The national land registers are connected to the central LRI search engine via service-based data exchange. The central LRI service functions as a mediator for the users in receiving necessary data from the national land registers. The LRI service is provided by the European Commission at the European e-Justice Portal (e-justice.europa.eu). The LRI Beta-release will be available soon.

Connecting Europe- the Land Register Interconnection service is connecting the information about European land and rights – valuable for European citizens, officials and all others who need to access the data in land registers.

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