## Selected projects



Official title of the project Provision of digital orto-photo maps Country Serbia **Region/ City** Vojvodina/Vrsac Sector Instituion Buildina **Budget/EC contribution** 4.6 million euro Implementation period November 2005 – November 2008 **Expected results** Digital maps and cadastre of Serbia Coordinator European Agency for Reconstruction Beneficiary Serbian Geodetical Institute Partners COWI, Serbian Geodetical Institute Contact details: Mr. Simon Davies, Programme Manager, European Agency for Reconstruction +381 11 30 23 442.

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## Serbia Maps of Serbia go digital

Clarity of ownership, use, and all the legal rights associated with a property, reduce risks and costs in buying and selling land and real estate as well as improving access to credit. This in turn allows businesses to expand and develop more easily, the true value of property to be reflected in the market, and households to change their accommodation as family circumstances evolve.

Serbia's Republican Geodetic Authority (RGZ) has launched a major initiative to ensure that the country has a secure and reliable registration and cadastre system. It is working in a variety of areas to achieve this - developing the legislative framework, updating cadastral maps and improving the registration of properties.

A €4.6 million EU-funded project is helping the RGZ to use the latest digital technology so that it can rapidly supply high quality services to businesses and households alike. Computer hardware and software have been provided, experts from similar authorities in Germany are providing hands-on support, and leading expertise from Denmark is producing new, very accurate digital maps of the whole of Serbia (excluding UN-administered Kosovo) for RGZ using the most up-to-date technology.

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Municipal authorities will be better able to plan spatial development and the infrastructure requirements, such as transport, water and sewerage facilities, etc. The Ministry of Environment will be better placed to manage natural resources, national parks and the like as well as being better able to monitor environmental degradation and control pollution. Likewise the veterinary and phytosanitary services of the Ministry of Agriculture will be able to develop spatial systems to monitor and respond to any outbreaks of animal or plant diseases.