

# Recent developments in Latvia and Open data

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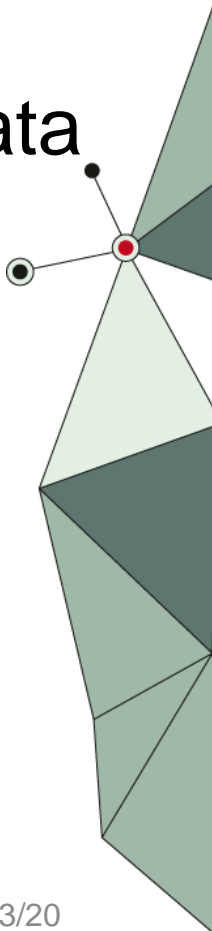
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- Social activities
- Professional activities



# Legislation (1)



- Since 2017 The State Audit Office of Latvia started audit about quality of cadastral data
  - Many meetings, interviews, collections of data
  - 02.02.2018. final report on Audit
  - Involved:
    - Ministry of Justice
    - State Land Service
    - Institutions of certification (3)
    - Surveyors
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# Legislation (1)

## Main remark from Audit:

- There are only certificated surveyors since 2011
- Missing sufficient supervision on institutions of certification
- And so Missing supervision on certificated surveyors
- Supervision from State is done by Latvian National Accreditation Bureau (on ISO standards)
- ...

# Legislation (1)

## Solutions:

- Changes on Cadastral law (moved to autumn)
- Minor Changes on Regulations of certification (approved on 04.06.2019.)
  - Practical exam
  - Lifelong learning (courses 8h/year)
  - Possibility to stop certificate up to 2 years
- Changes on certification system (moved to autumn):
  - Not known at the moment, but our wishes:
  - One institution of certification (supervised)
  - All surveying fields (including geodesy)

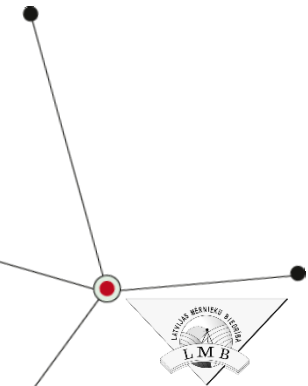


# Legislation (1)



# Legislation (2)

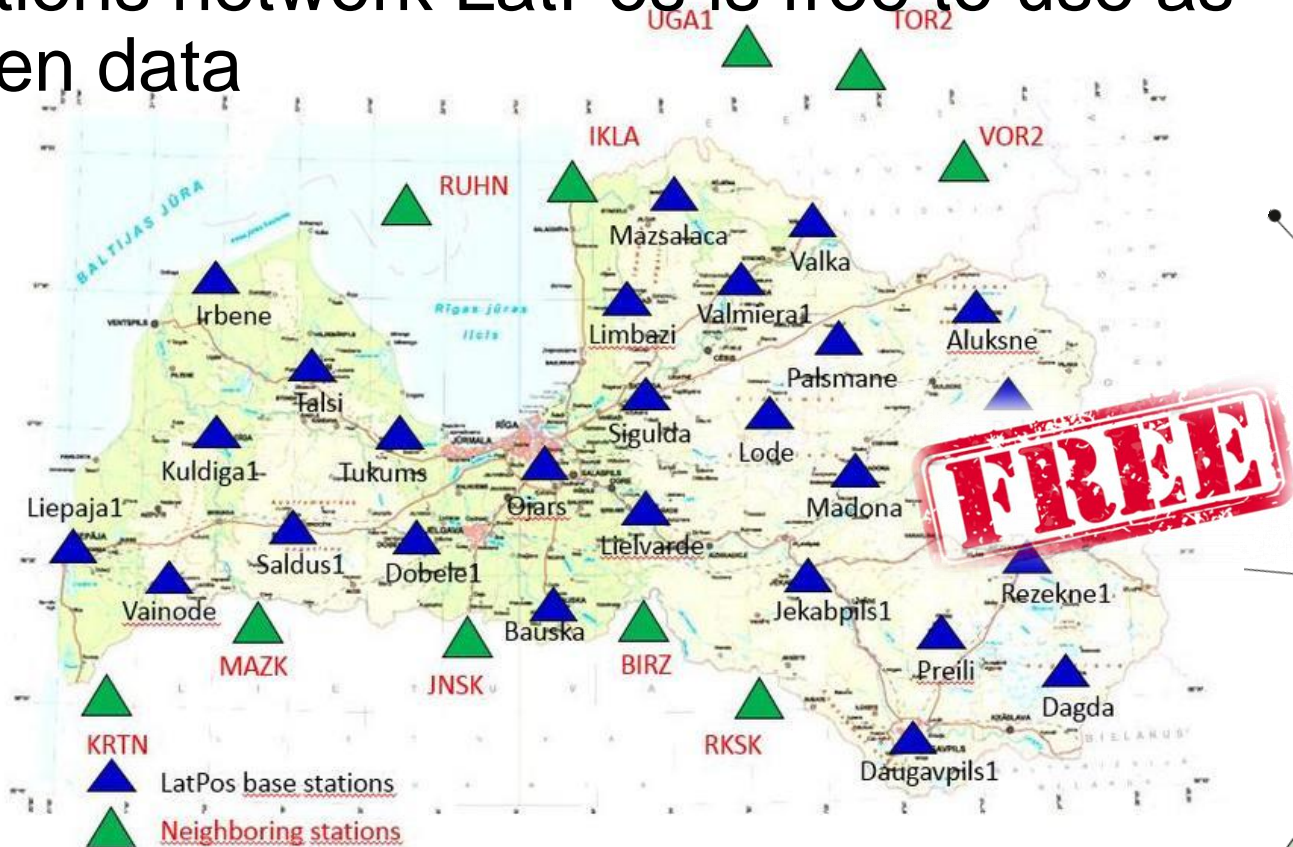
- Latvia has 3 GNSS base stations networks: *LatPos, EUPOS Riga, Trimble WRS Now,...*
- Since 2018.04. there are no verification on solutions by GNSS base stations networks, only verified coordinates of the base station
- Verification was conducted by Latvian Geospatial Information Agency





# Legislation (3)

- Since 01.07.2018. National GNSS base stations network LatPos is free to use as Open data





# Legislation (4)

- 18.11.2018. conceptual report «Introduction of land consolidation in Latvia»
- Land consolidation was mentioned as a method in Land administration law (2015)
- Many meetings and workshops, but still we do not have any consolidation project
- At the moment regulation is made by Land regulation project and Cadastral surveying

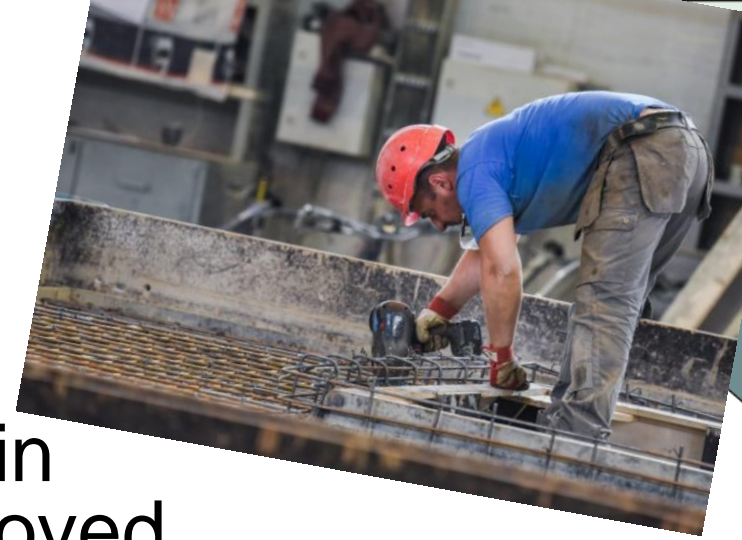
# Legislation (5)



- Since July 2018 Building Information System (BIS) is introduced
- Introduced step by step
- It will be possible to submit and follow the steps of approval of “construction plan” electronically
- Riga city just started
- Still not fully operational
- Since 01.01.2020. all applications should be submitted in BIS

# Legislation (6)

- The General agreement on minimum wage (EUR 780) in Construction industry (approved 2019.04.17.)
- The aim is to strengthen the competitiveness, reduce the shadow economy and ensure the protection of workers
- Started in 10.05.2018.
- Agreement signed by companies (should be at least 51% of industrie's over turn)







# Social activities (2)

## Surveyors Rally 2018 at Amata region (instead of Sport event)

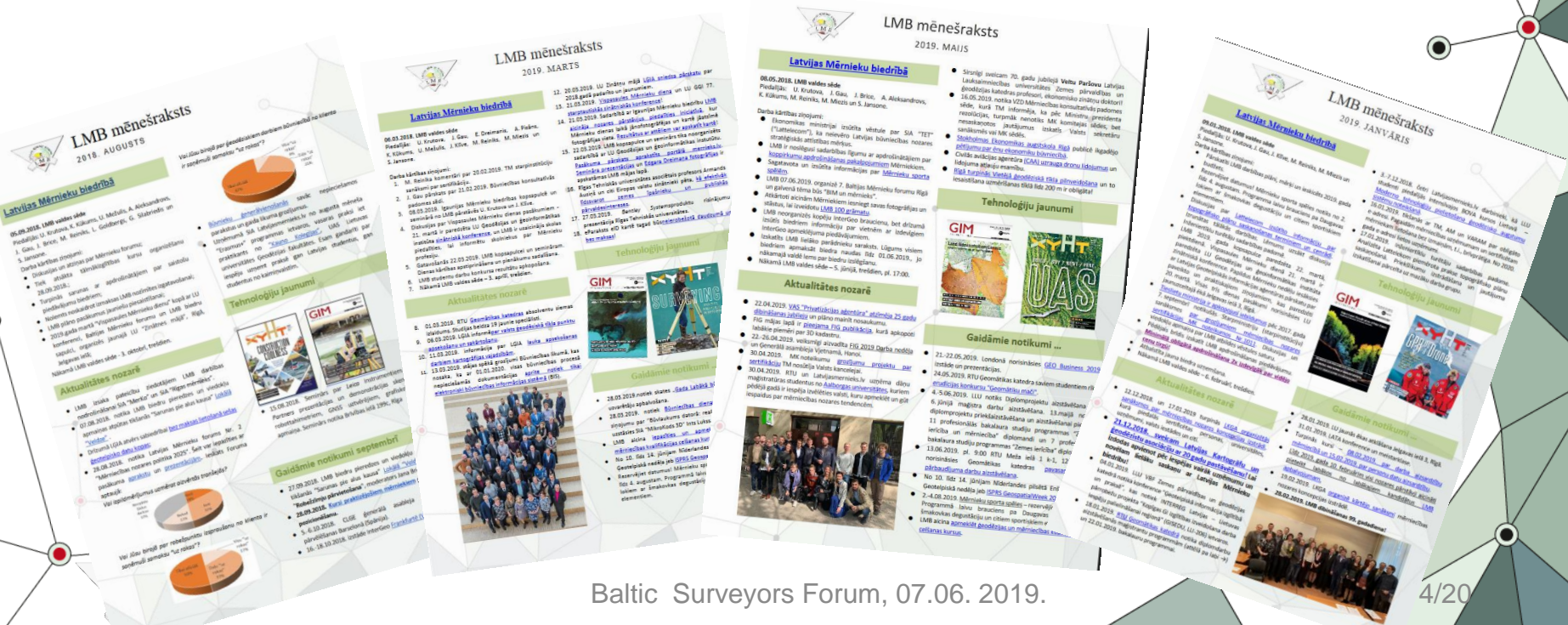




# Social activities (3)

Since April of 2018 every month the Association prepares a monthly News-leaf

- Electronic (PDF with links)
- Sent to all members and certified surveyors





# Social activities (4)

Informal meetings with special subject to discuss

- Beer...
- Junk food ...
- Good talks ...



# Professional activities (1)

Cooperation with State Land Service within  
“Surveying Consulting Board” meetings:

- 2 times per year
- Discussions on burning questions



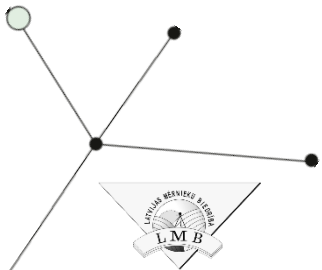
# Professional activities (2)

Since September of 2018 LMB organize professional development courses for surveyors

- On the voluntarily bases
- Courses for money
- Visited ~ 200 surveyors



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# Professional activities (3)

The Latvian Association of Surveyors has signed a co-operation agreement on professional liability insurance:

- Together it's cheaper
- It's more beneficial
- Possibility to get better Health insurance





# Professional activities (4)

Support for young surveyors and students:

- Latvian Surveyors Societies annual student competition;
- SLS annual student competition
- CLGE student Contest (Nomination for a Latvian student)

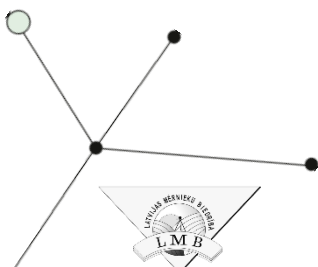


# Professional activities (5)

Latvian Association of Cartographers and Geodesists **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary** (2018.12.12.)



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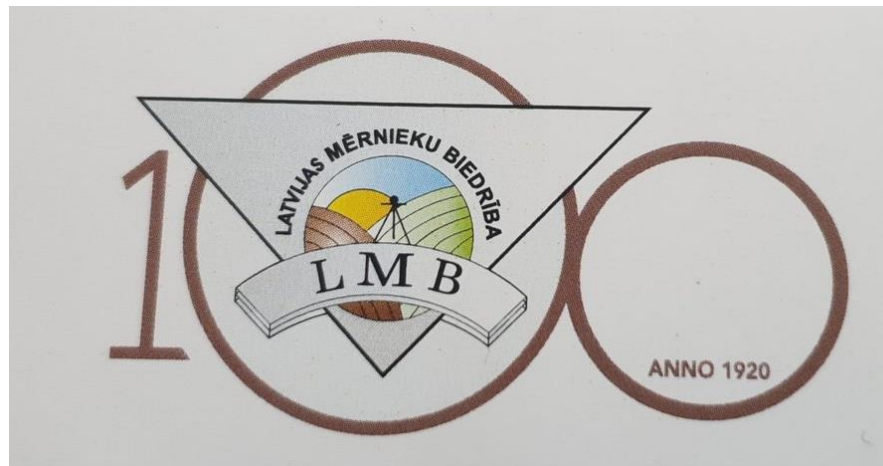
The tradition to honour our surveyors who contributed a lot to our society

- Since 2013 awarded 25 surveyor's



# Professional activities (7)

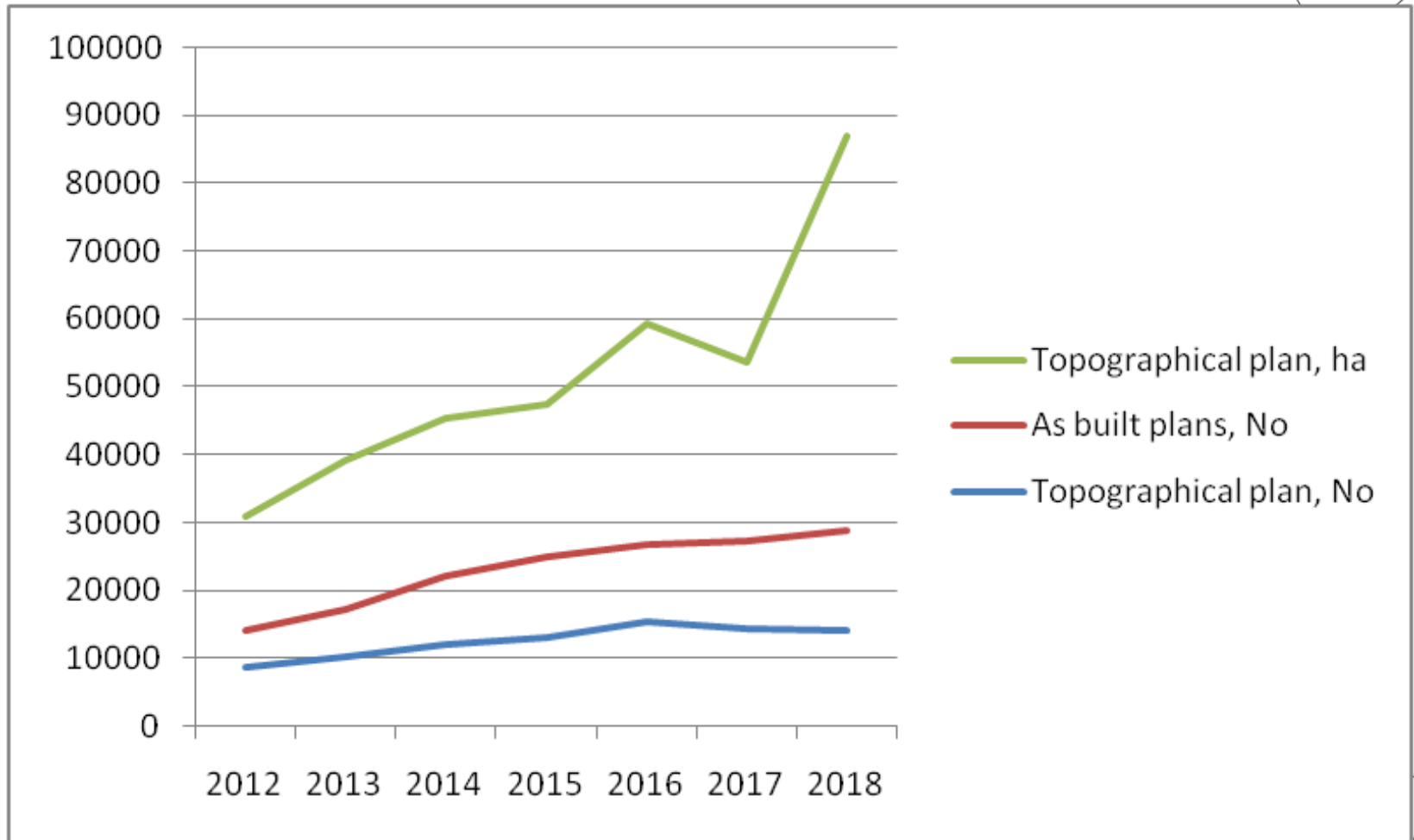
## 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Latvian Association of Surveyors was founded



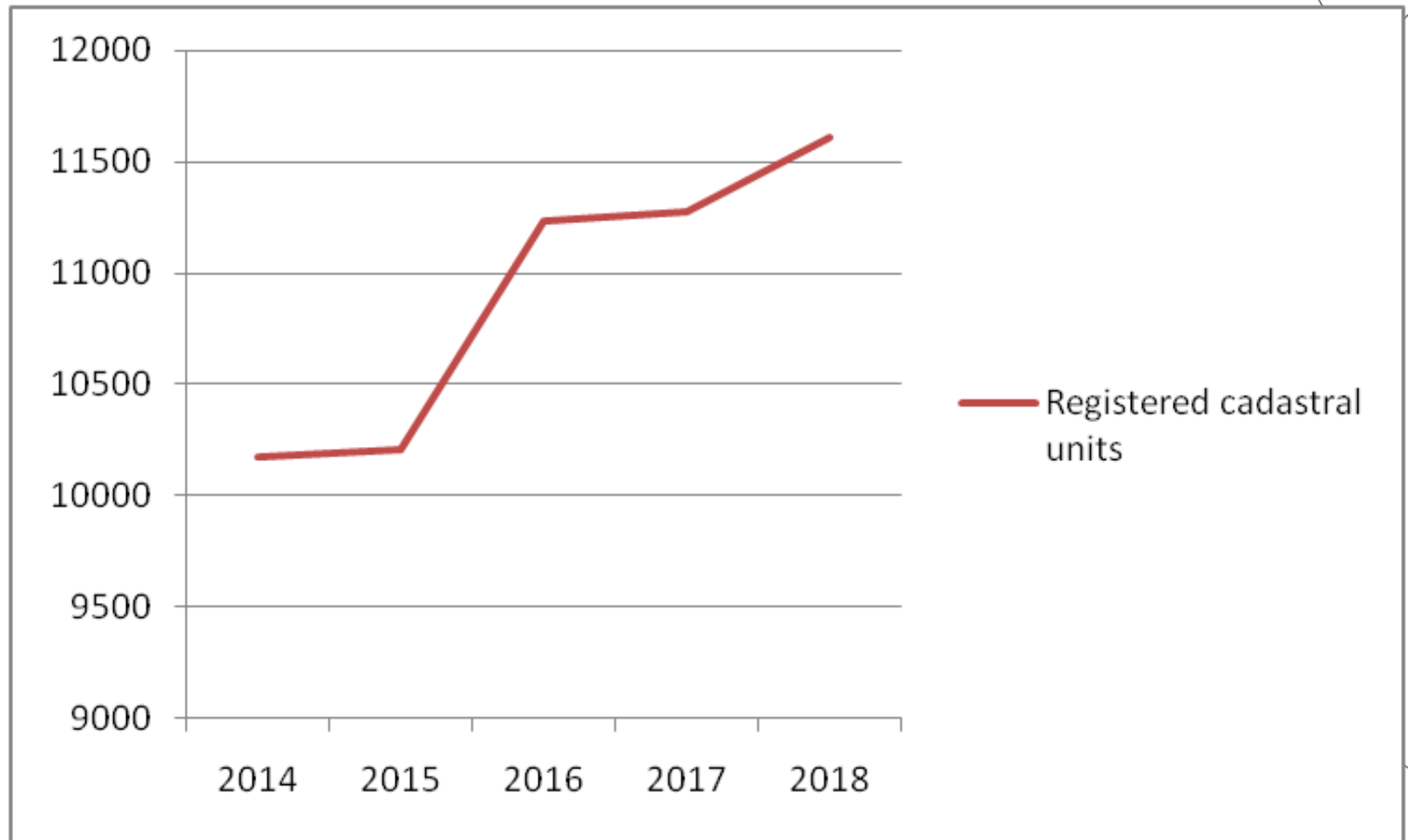
- Planning to create a book with historical information and photos from surveyor's everyday life
- You are welcome to send in your photo!



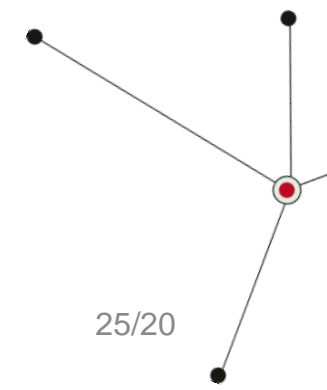
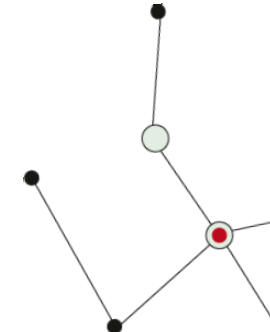
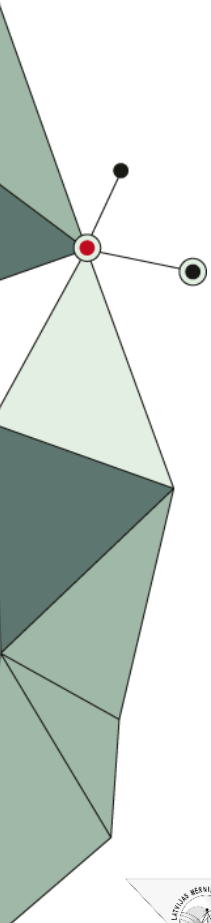
# Market on Topography



# Market on Cadastre



# Open data in Latvia...



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# Thank you for your attention!

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