eReady Land Administration Legislation – The Spatial Dimension

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SUMMARY
In general, the digital society challenges traditional modes of legislation and rulings. Legislation in the digital society ought to be structured, accessible, transparent, understandable, adaptive, logic, applicable, and provide legal certainty. Unfortunately, traditional legislation often is characterised as immense, incomprehensible, unclear, conservative, inconsistent, and burdensome. As this paper shows, missing focus on rethinking legislation within the field of land administration systems and spatially enabled government seems to be of great concern. Lacking attention may lead to undermining of the trustworthiness of administration systems. On the other hand, a successful adaption of land administration legislation to a digital setup could help promote good service towards citizens and businesses, and according to land administration theories maybe even promote societal sustainability in large, by aiding efficiency land markets and effective land management. By analysing different challenges within digital land administration solutions, this paper discusses how legislation needs to change in order to be ‘eReady’.