

FOREWORD

The dynamic development of urban and suburban areas, which is a consequence of the increasingly new and growing needs of the local communities and the changes taking place in the spatial infrastructure and economy, forces changes in the structure of spatial development. The essence of the proper functioning of such areas is suitably organized and planned, rational spatial and functional arrangement, maintaining the correctness of technical, economic and aesthetic solutions.

The current issue of GLL journal covers a wide range of topics related to space in open and closed landscape, as well as the latest achievements of geoinformation technology. The first article presents an analysis of publicly available online geoportals, with the view to assessing their usefulness in the work of a real estate property appraiser. It is followed with an analysis of the issues of modernizing the land and building records, made using the photogrammetric method. The results of the analysis of landscape changes in the zones in the immediate vicinity of medium-sized cities of Central Europe are the subject of another article. The next paper presents the analysis of legal, organizational and location conditions of the wind farm, which is the largest environmental investment project in Poland, located in the municipality of Margonin. Another article concerns raster publications, and its purpose is to analyse the relationship between the degree of raster compression, and the performance of the map application. The studies were carried out in an informal way, under conditions of typical use, in the form of ad-hoc tests. The author of the next publication indicates that the majority of geoinformation is available on the Deep Web, and it requires the use of a specialized website search engine or the exploration of thematic maps. The development of an interactive map for the Bus Station in Lublin, which can potentially become an alternative to the commonly used Google Map, is the next topic of our journal. The problem of assessing the utilitarian attractiveness of agricultural plots was also discussed. Specific indicators were used to assess spatial order, pointing to the attributes of the assessed space that adversely affect the spatial structure. The last paper presents the valorisation of the city in order to identify the most valuable natural objects, attractive in terms of tourism development.

The featured articles are very interesting in their substance, being also accomplished and logical writing.

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