

# UAV TECHNOLOGY: OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATIONS TO SUPPORT LAND ADMINISTRATION

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# CONTEXT: ITS4LAND

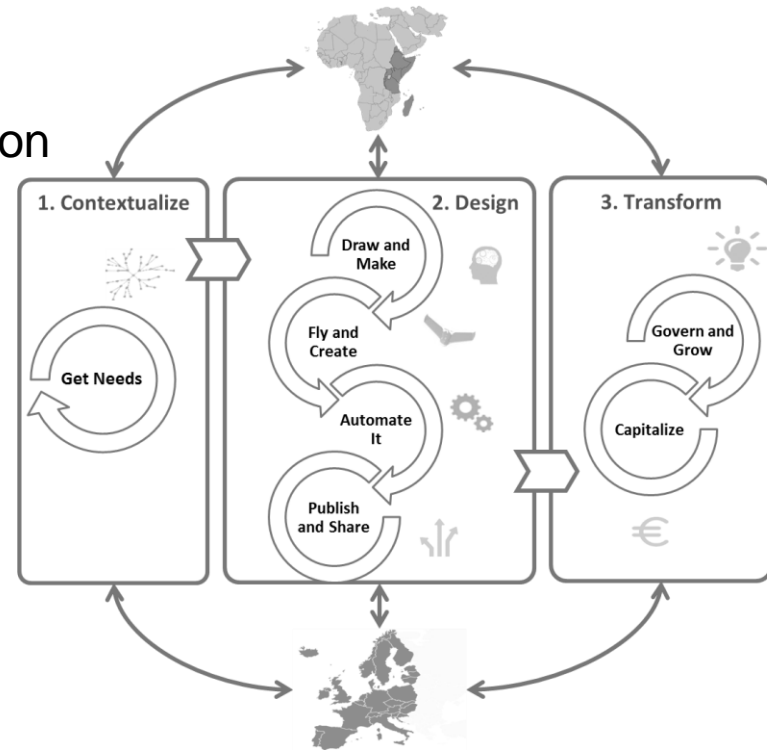
Program: EU granted H2020-ICT-2015  
Research and Innovation Action

Start date: 2016-02-01

Duration: 48 months

Consortium: 8 partners across Europe  
and Africa

Objective: We're creating seven new  
tools to make land rights  
mapping faster, cheaper,  
easier, and more responsible.



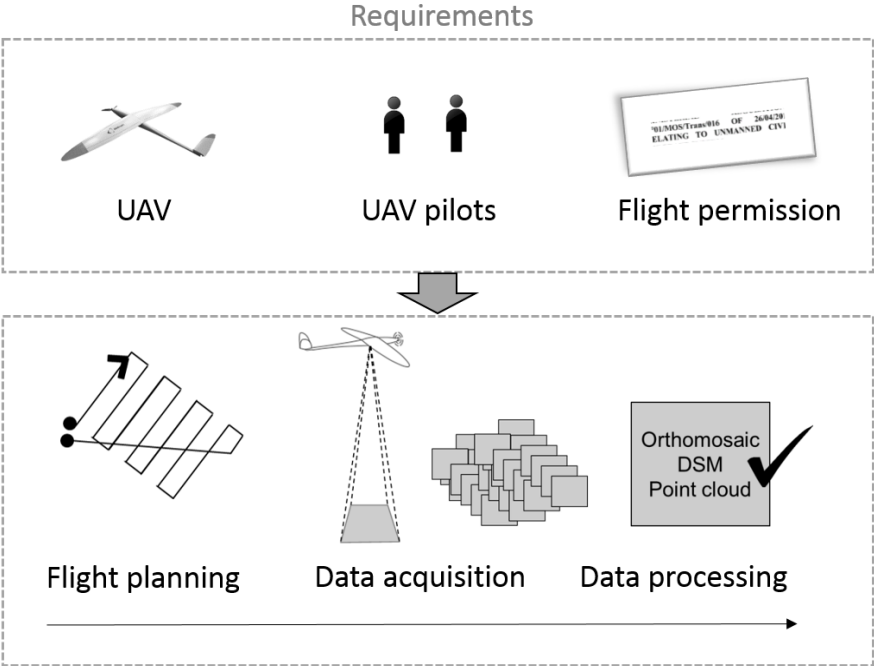
# INTRODUCTION

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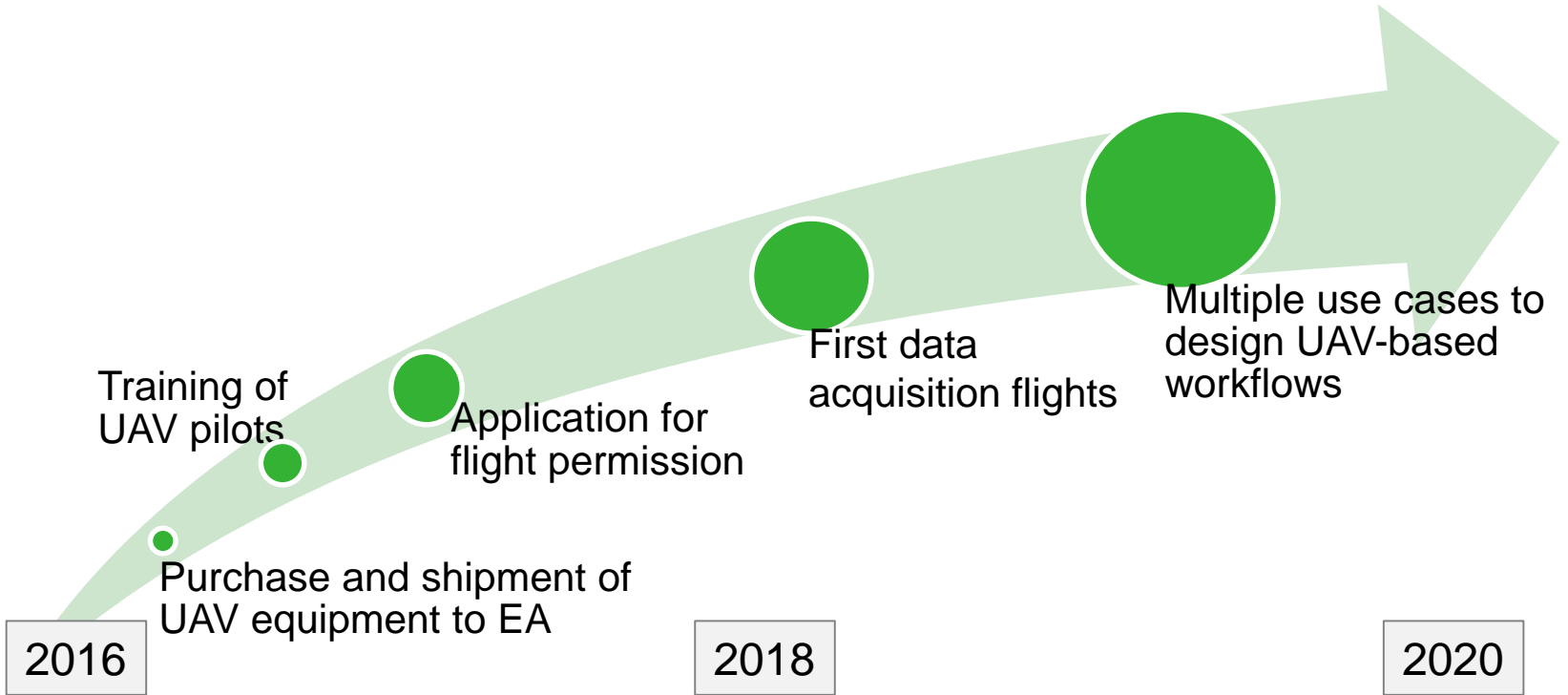
- High resolution UAV-based orthomosaic as base data for cadastral mapping
  - visual interpretation of land information
  - manual digitization
  - (semi) automatic mapping or feature detection



# SYSTEM COMPONENTS



# PROGRESS





# DATA ACQUISITION RWANDA

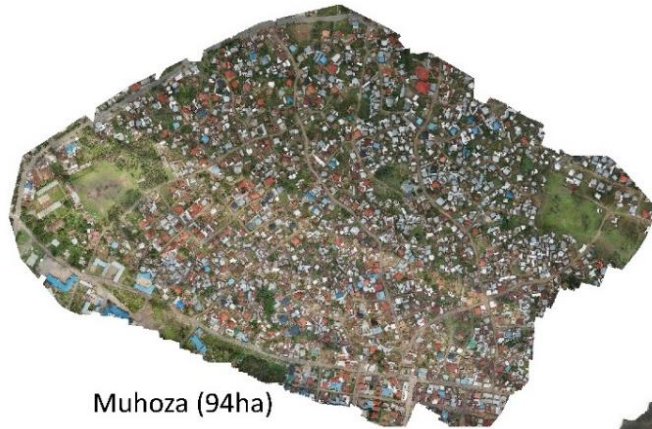


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Horizon 2020  
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# DATA ACQUISITION RWANDA



Muhoza (94ha)



Gahanga (14ha)



Busogo (50ha)

- 5 UAV flights at 3 locations
- 2.3 cm ground resolution
- Geometric accuracy < 15 cm



# DATA ACQUISITION RWANDA





# DATA ACQUISITION KENYA



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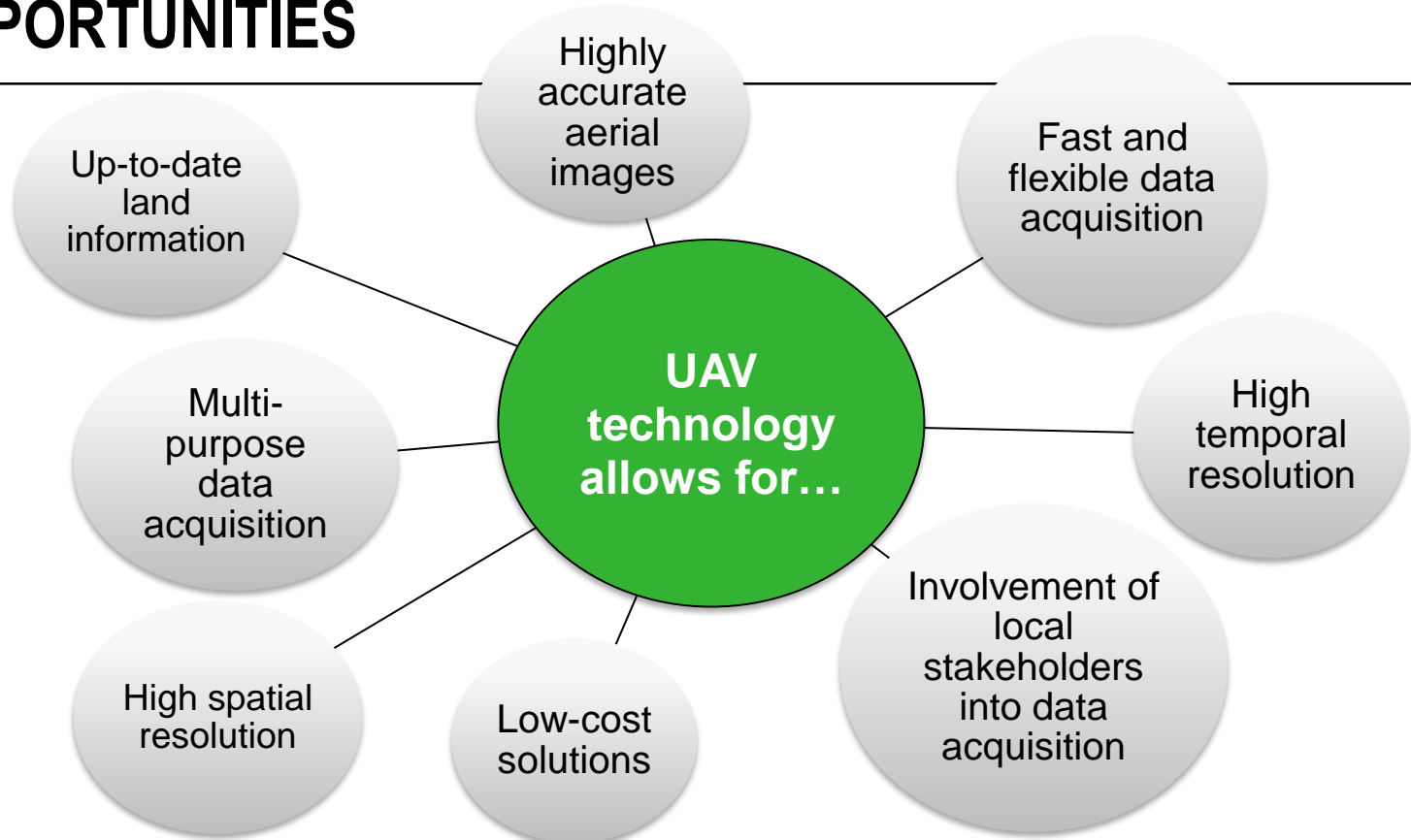
# DATA ACQUISITION KENYA

- Group ranch in Mailua (Kajiado)
- 4 UAV flights to cover 3.3 km<sup>2</sup>
- Ground resolution of 5 cm





# OPPORTUNITIES





# LIMITATIONS

## Regulatory constraints

- Safety and privacy concerns
- Height and spatial extent
- Airworthiness of the UAV

## Operational limitations

- Landing facilities and radio connection
- Spatial coverage
- Illumination conditions

## Political willingness

- Social acceptance
- Acceptance of disruptive technologies

# CHALLENGES

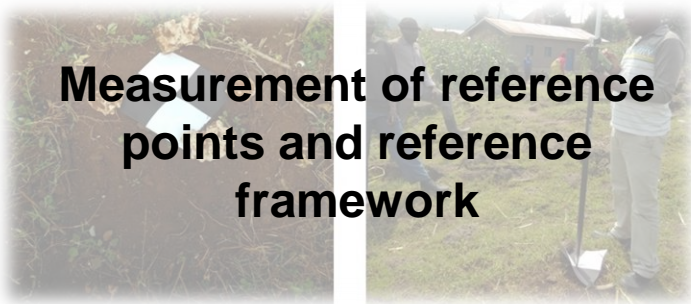
**Capacity building**



**Meteorological conditions**



**Measurement of reference points and reference framework**



**UAV regulations and administrative procedures**





# CONCLUSION

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- Interviews and workshops with relevant stakeholder reveal the need of up-to-date data and interest in UAV-based aerial images
- First test flights show that it is possible to fly a UAV in Kenya and Rwanda

Opportunities

Limitations

Challenges

- Next up: definition of use cases to proof the concept of UAV workflows to support land administration



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset, holding a large model airplane horizontally above their head. The scene is set in a grassy field with scattered trees and distant mountains under a cloudy sky.

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