



Policy Issues in Land Consolidation

EU Requirements & EU Funding Options

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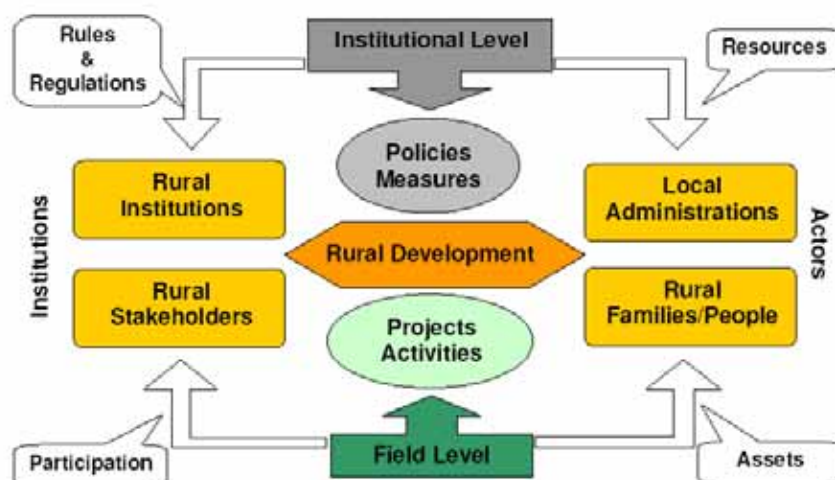


Institutional Challenges

- EU Requirements
 - Competitive agriculture production and processing
 - Sustainable use of natural resources and diversification of the rural economy
- Globalization and Free Trade
 - Modern farmer associations
 - Management and marketing skills for high value crops
- Cross Border Collaboration and Regional Integration
 - Rural Development to reduce ethnic tensions

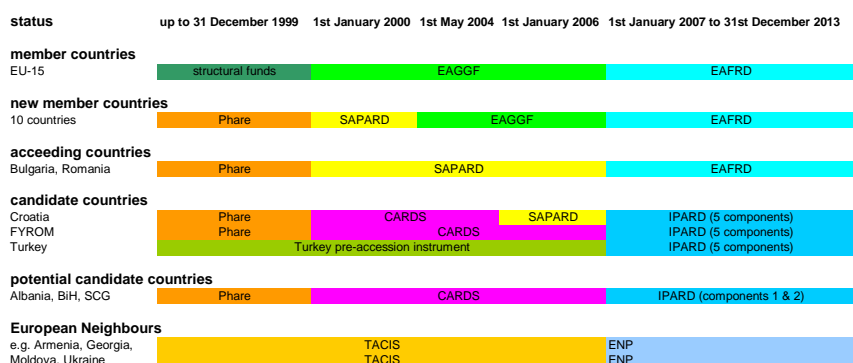
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Rural Development A Conceptual Approach





EU assistance instruments for rural development



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EU New Rural Development Policy

- Focus on limited number of priorities:
 - Competitiveness
 - Land management & environment
 - Quality of life & diversification of activities
 - Integration of LEADER bottom up approach

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EU Accession Process => Instrument for Pre-Accession

- **Five components:**
 1. **Transition Assistance & Institution Building**
 2. **Regional & Cross-Border Co-operation**
 3. **Regional Development**
 4. **Human Resources Development**
 5. **Rural Development**

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FAO's Approach to Agriculture & Rural Development

- **Income generation through agriculture & non-farm activities**
 - LC as a means to improve competitiveness
 - Non-farm activities to absorb labour freed by LC
- **Bottom-up approach for policy change**
 - **Upwards**
 - => feedback to existing policies
 - => need for adaptation or new policies
 - **Upwards & Downwards**
 - => testing & demonstration of policies (e.g. pilot project SCG)
 - **Downwards**
 - => implementation & enforcement
- **Regional collaboration**

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Land Consolidation as part of development strategies and policies ...

- **Strategies on national level => based on overall national development priorities**
 - Agricultural competitiveness, agri-environmental schemes
 - Support programs for specific groups (e.g. old farmers - young farmers, natural handicaps)
 - New policy priorities (e.g. EU NATURA 2000, EU Water Framework Directive, HNV areas => land for protection)
 - National physical planning and national infrastructure
 - Abandoned land

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... Land Consolidation as part of development strategies and policies

- **Strategies on local level => based on priorities set by the stakeholders in a participatory process**
 - Improve competitiveness of agriculture
 - Implement spatial planning
 - Implement local development strategies
 - Local infrastructure

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EU requirements for LC and other constraints on institutional level

- Land consolidation is part of new EU rural development policy
- Land reform, privatization completed
- Cadastre and property registration in place
- National strategies for regional or rural development (e.g. SAPARD plan, Rural Development Programme, etc.)

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EU support for land consolidation

- Phare
- TACIS
- CARDS
- Twinning
 - Indirect through capacity building measures and pilot projects

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EU support for land consolidation

- SAPARD => one of 15 eligible measures
- IPARD => not mentioned directly under the 9 eligible measures, but IPARD regulations not yet finalized
- IPA component 1: Transition Assistance & Institution Building
- Member countries (EAGGF -> EAFRD)
- All countries; INTERREG III

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Policy Issues in Land Consolidation

- Referring to overall-national and local development strategies
- Based on participatory approaches
- Based on co-funding principles
- Training, capacity building and awareness raising accompanying the process

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