

Monitoring the Land Bank

Systematic knowledge on what happens, as well as how it happens and why

Main goals:

A process-oriented assessment

mapping out a route course which can serve as a useful navigation tool

Main fields of inquiry and analysis

Context,
Program,
Outputs &
Outcomes

The Context

the territory taken as a social, economical and geographical reality

land use, economic activity, property issues, demographic dynamics, social profile of the population, etc.

Other relevant factors

E.g.: the rise costs of fuel, or European agricultural subsidies that are land demanding.

The Program

Its discourse: explicit goals, purposes, limits and disposition

Its inputs: various resources on which it runs (e.g. human resources, money and equipment).

How it is implemented and managed:

- administrative procedures
- communication strategies

The outputs

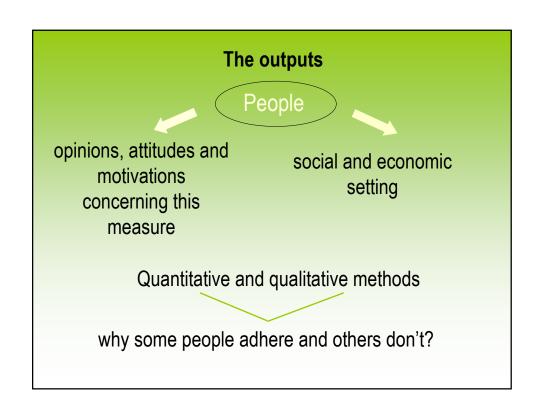
The information system (SITEGAL)

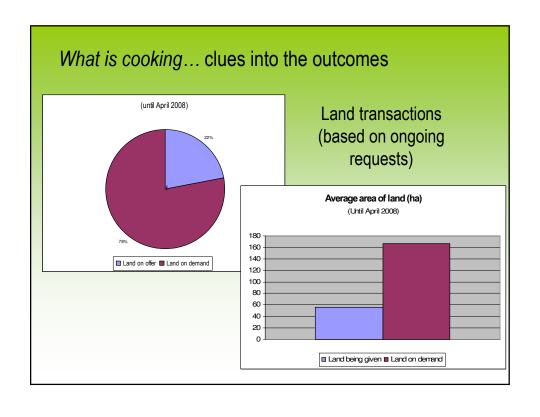


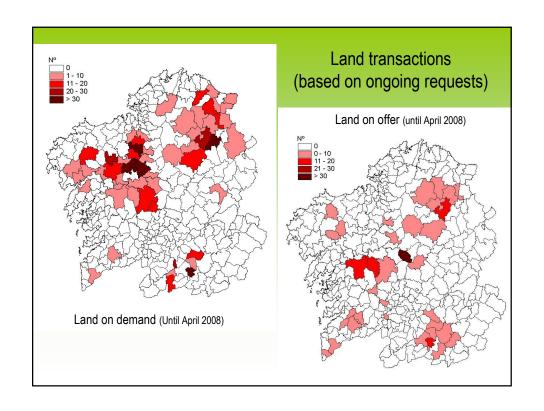
"units of service"
how much land is being
mobilized
(on offer and demand)

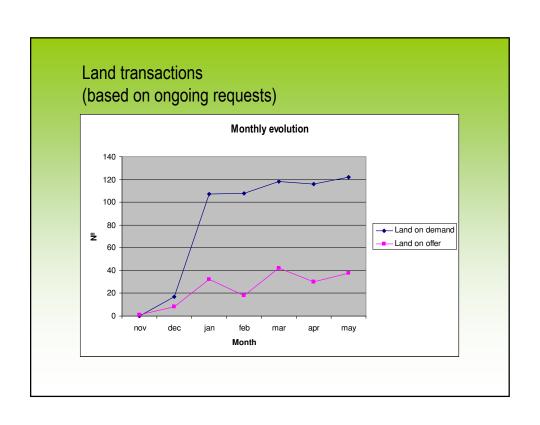
Where that land is being mobilized, When and to what rhythm What use

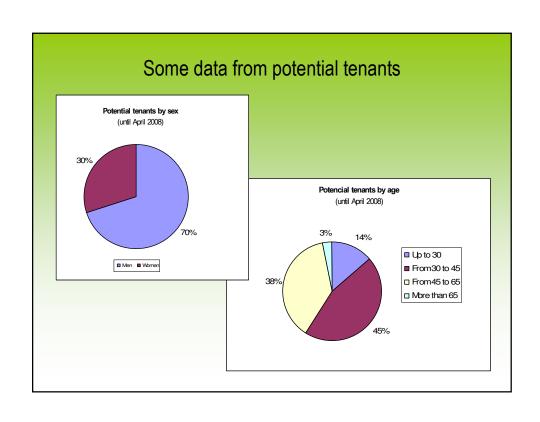
The people who use it

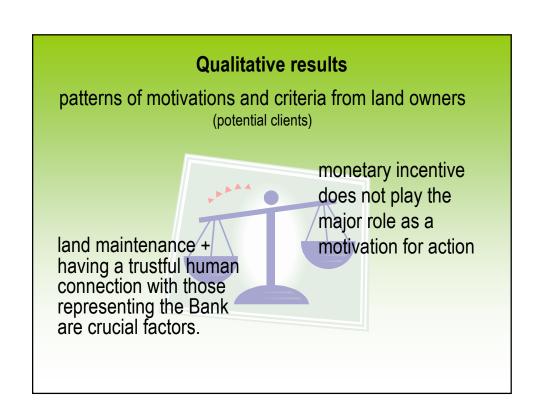








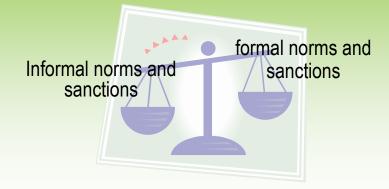




Qualitative results

Other patterns, such as

renting lands to neighbours and family members according to verbal contracts as well as other tacit behaviours concerning land use



What is legal is not necessarily the most legitimate...

Relevance of it all

a useful *guiding chart* for its promoters

helps to understand, verify or increase the impact of the services being delivered it enables to improve procedures, to be more capable and efficient

produces data that can be of use for public information

it allows for useful comparisons between similar programs (other Land Banks)

Success as feed-back

Contrary to common assumptions, monitoring projects are not about proving the success or failure of a program

Success: remaining open to feed-back and adjusting the program accordingly



Monitoring is about giving this continuing feedback

Feedback: establishing communication links between people and policies, administrators and public



a monitoring project can be understood as a learning technique and a learning process, were everyone involved might jointly profit and evolve