

## Perspectives of establishing a land bank in Ukraine

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## Historical background:

- In the 90-s of XX century – spontaneous sharing and privatization of lands (one plot – about 4 ha)
- Non-consideration of perspective planning of lands arrangement (transport infrastructure, communications, development of deposits, etc.)
- Non-consideration of material and physical abilities of people to cultivate land
- Absence of an efficient procedure of lease of land plots by big agricultural formations

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## Current state of land resources management

- Due to dissipation of land resources between small landowners the system of lands arrangement by a landscape principle is absent;
- Uncontrolled ploughing of lands or on the contrary uncultivated territories;
- Dependence of the public/the state from the decision of an individual landowner;
- Misappropriate use of land plots, non-compliance with the procedure of crop rotation, worsening of soil quality

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## Ways of solving current situation

**The optimal way out  
at the current stage  
– establishment of  
a State Land Bank  
(SLB)**



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## What is SLB?

Governmental organization that possesses and manages big areas of rural lands, actively buys, swaps, changes, unites lands in bigger plots so that to sell or lease them to more sustainable households.



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## Preconditions of establishing a State Land Bank (SLB)

- Legislative basis (at the law level).
- Methodological basis (a procedure of purchase-sale of land plots by SLB, etc.)
- Institution building (training of specialists for work within SLB, strengthening of administrative capacity of the authority on land relations, exchange of the best experience, conduct of pilot projects)

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## Potential challenges on the way of establishing SLB

- Non-support of a draft of legislative provisions as regards SLB by the legislative authority.
- Absence of proper financial provision of SLB's activity
- Non-awareness of activity of SLB by the population

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## Response to challenges

- Presentation of conclusions of international experts and the best international experience
- Establishment of operation of the procedure “value for money”
- Explanatory work

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## Anticipated tasks of SLB

- purchase of land plots on behalf of the state;
- identification of optimal target purpose of the purchased land plots;
- performance of activities as regards improvement of soil quality of plots under management of SLB;
- sale/lease/swapping of land plots on optimal conditions

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## Expected outcomes from introduction of SLB

- optimization of land tenure;
- forming of lands based on landscape principle;
- use of land plots according to their target use;
- adherence to the procedure of crop rotation;
- improvement of soils quality

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## **Training of specialists for work within SLB**

- Training courses on the basis of higher educational establishments;
- Seminars/pilot projects/expert missions on the basis of a central executive authority on land resources;
- Internship abroad/study tours abroad

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## **Role of relations with the public at different stages of establishment and introduction of SLB**

- Awareness of the public about the role and tasks of SLB;
- Support of purchase/swapping/sale of land plots under optimal conditions;
- Involvement of non-governmental organizations to information-explanatory activities;
- Public control over use and protection of lands;
- Development of Extension service activities

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## Relevant projects

- 2007-2009 Consolidation of land and water resources based on examples of 2 pilot territories (with DLG)
- 2010-2012 Assistance to Ukraine in development of a strategy of consolidation of land, water and forest resources (under development) (with DLG)
- 2010-2012 Assistance to Ukraine in development of a program of rural development (with DLG)

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## Needs in support from international organizations and experts (1)

- Training courses/Business schools for formation of specialists;
- Conduct of seminars on land resources management, including on land bank in Ukraine
- Pilot projects for support of current projects of technical support

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## Needs in support from international organizations and experts (2)

- Expert assistance in development of a “vision” about development of land resources management in Ukraine
- Expert assistance in development of training manuals/guidelines on land resources management in Ukraine
- Extension Education course “Land consolidation and SLB”

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## Thank you for your attention!



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