

## NATURAL AND CLIMATIC ZONES OF UKRAINE

Territory of Ukraine is divided into three main natural and climate zones – Marshy woodlands (Polissia), Forest-steppe (Lisostep) and Steppe (Step)



MARSHY WOODLANDS zone occupies the northern part of Ukraine, the total is 11.35 million ha and characterized by lowlands relief, continental climate with warm and humid summers and mild winters, Turfy – podzolic soils (75%), woodiness (30%), haymaking – 1.2 million ha and the pasture (0.7 million ha). This is main zone for grain production (rye, oats, and buckwheat), technical crops, flax, hop, sugar beets and potato as well as the processing of flax, meat and dairy produce.





**FOREST-STEPPE** zone is located in central part of Ukraine and it area is 20.2 million ha and is mainly flat with temperate continental climate, woodiness is insignificant (about 12%), topsoil is quite diverse with an intermittence of podzolic soils and typical black soils. Agricultural lands occupy 70% of the territory including 66% of ploughed lands. The structure of sown areas: winter wheat – more than 30%, corn – 10%, about 8% - barley and pulse crops, more than 10% is devoted to sugar beet and sunflower. Also here is popular meat, diary production and pig production.





**STEPPE** zone includes the entire southern and eastern parts of temperate-continental climate with hot summers and cold winters. 90% of Forest-steppe occupies black earth. This is the zone of land rest on this steppe.





### RURAL POPULATION OF UKRAINE

### **Total population - 47 million**

- urban 32 million (68%)

## Structure of rural population:

- under working age 21%; over working age 29%.

#### **Gender structure of population:**

### Rural population is mostly engaged in:

- education and healthcare 15%; extraction and processing industries 11%; stock trade 6%;



### DEVELOPMENT OF LAND RELATIONS

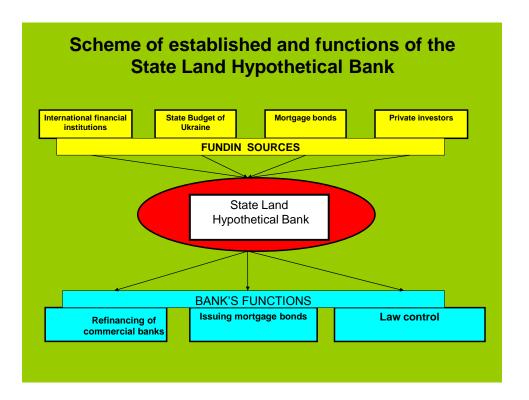
- What we have in Ukraine during last year? First of all active politicization of community during president and parliament elections had influence on activity of Government.
- For solving of problems including this which we have discussed in Prague Workshop now Ukraine is looking for a pilot project to develop the Land Consolidation program and to organize a study to establish its State Land Hypothetical Bank.

## **Land Code of Ukraine**

- By the last statements of Land Code of Ukraine (2001) of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine legal texts set by the Code, including the Law about State Land Hypothetical Bank should be worked out in six-month term.
- By this time the following laws were worked out and presented to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:
- "About Land hypothetical bank" (registration № 3139 from 19.03.99, by the depute of Ukraine Shmidt R.M.);
- "About Land hypothetical bank" (registration № 5443 from 06.07.2000, by the deputes of Ukraine Shepa V.V., Marchenko O.A., Martynovskyi V.P., Borzyh O.I.);
- "About State Land hypothetical bank" (registration № 3566 from 30.05.2003, by the deputes of Ukraine I.Tomych, M. Gladii, M. Melnyk, M. Polianych);
- "About State Land hypothetical bank" (registration № 3566-1 from 11.06.2004, by the depute of Ukraine Voiush V.D.).

# **State Land Hypothetical Bank**

- The Ministry of Agricultural Policy of Ukraine (2008) worked out the scheme of the State Land Hypothetical Bank.
- It took the statement of the Law of Ukraine "About State Land Hypothetical Bank" - draft copy (registration № 3566 from 30.05.2003) as a basis developing



# The tasks of State Land Hypothetical Bank

- Creating of long-term mortgage lending system (15-20 years) of agricultural producers for technical and technological re-equipment of agriculture;
- Formation of competitiveness of agricultural sector;
- Rural territories development.

# Functions of State Land Hypothetical Bank

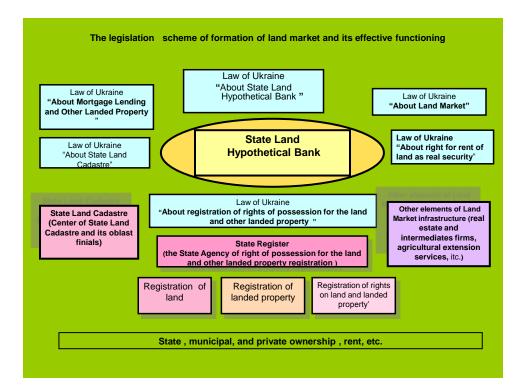
- Refinancing of commercial banks which give credits on a hypothetical of land;
- Control of obeying the laws for the mortgage lending;
- Issuing mortgage bonds;
- Other activity due to the current legislation.

# State Land Hypothetical Bank statute sources

- The State Budget of Ukraine;
- International financial institutions (World Bank, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, other financial institutions);
- Mortgage bonds of State Land Hypothetical Bank;
- Private investments.

# The size of statute fund and part of state in State Land Hypothetical Bank

- The size of statute fund is defined by the shares holder and can't be lower than mentioned by the National Bank of Ukraine;
- The part of the State in the statute fund of State Land hypothetical bank can't be lower than 51 per cent of the statute fund.



# What we have today

- By this time the following laws were worked out and presented to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:
- "About Land Market" (registration № 2143 from 28.02.2008, by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine);
- "About Lands Market" (registration № 2143-1 from 03.04.2008, by the deputies of Ukraine Sulkovskyi P.G., Bevzenko V.F., Sigal I. I., Tereshchuk S.M., Tkach R.V., Tymoshenko M.M.);
- "About Lands Market" (registration № 2143-2 from 21.04.2008, by the deputy of Ukraine Zaiets I.O.).
- On June,17 2008 The Committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in agricultural policy and land relations passed the project of the law of deputies of Ukraine Sulkovskyi P.G., Bevzenko V.F., Sigal I. I., Tereshchuk S.M., Tkach R.V., Tymoshenko M.M.

## **Center of State Land Cadastre**

- The State Committee of Land Resources cooperates with the Center of State Land Cadastre, created in order to establish the computer-based system for state land cadastre of Ukraine and system of land registration.
- Structure subdivisions of this Center operate at regional and district levels.
- The project of Law of Ukraine 'About State Land Cadastre', worked-out by the State Committee of land resources of Ukraine, is being on the approval by Cabinet of Ministry. This Law was passed by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in 2006 but was returned by the President of Ukraine for the further revision.

## **PROBLEMS & PRPOSITIONS**

- By this time:
- there is no unique Register of right of possession for the land and other landed property in Ukraine.
- there is no state institution for this Register including the right of possession for the land and other landed property which is in state, municipal and private ownership, rent, etc.
- Proposition is to establish the State Agency of right of possession for the land and other landed property registration, that would be one of the most important elements of land market infrastructure.
- The project of Law of Ukraine 'About registration of rights of possession for the land and other landed property' is being revised by Verkhovna Rada since 1999.
- Passing this law allows creating single system of rights of possession for the land and other landed property registration, keeps owners rights recognition and protection, and improves the development of market relations in the country.

# **Mortgage Lending**

- The Law of Ukraine 'About Mortgage Lending' (2003) subscribes the peculiarities of land real estate. It began to work on January 1, 2004. There is determine a particularly of land mortgage there.
  - At the first it was established that a plot of land is estate (point 1).
- This Law made some changes in point 133 of Land Code of Ukraine in such redaction as: "Only Banks can have agricultural land as real security".
- Due to the fact that land market formation gives agricultural producers the opportunity to take long-term credits on the security of land and Land Code of Ukraine (2001) other landed property, the laws 'About land as real security' and 'About right for rent of land as real security' should be work-out and passed.

# **Perspectives**

 Of course, land market can't function properly without such important elements of its infrastructure as: real estate and intermediate firms, agricultural extension services which provide all kind of informational support.

## **CREDIT PORTFOLIO of Ukraine**

On the opinion of the Ukrainian and foreign experts the value
of 32 ml ha of agricultural lands in Ukraine

is about 60-70 billion euro.

It is a huge 'credit portfolio' of future Land Hypothetical Bank.

#### Even with

- 70-percent mortgage lending

the long-term 10-year credit resource would cost 42-49 billion euro

or 32-38 billion UAH annually.

# Thank you for attention?



