



# First Announcement

On behalf of DLG - The Netherlands, the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Budapest, and the FARLAND Network, we are happy to officially announce an **International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking**, taking place in Budapest, from 8-11 November 2010.

DLG - The Netherlands has secured Dutch funding for a small project called '**Support to Network on Land Market Issues in Central and Eastern Europe**'. In cooperation between FAO and DLG, two international workshops will be organised in Autumn 2010 and Spring 2011 in Budapest. In principle, participation of the following countries / territories can be supported by the project (max. 2 representatives): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and UNMIK Kosovo.

Travel costs of some participants will be arranged in cooperation with SNV Macedonia.

We regret that we are not able to pay the costs of participation of other EU countries and members of the FARLAND Network, but we hope that the topic of the workshop will be of interest to you as well and you will decide to come.

## **Preliminary topics of the workshop are:**

- draft Technical Paper: Land Banks and Funds – Instruments for Rural Development
- legislative frameworks of Land Consolidation / Land Banking

If possible we would like to combine the workshop with a field visit.

In the coming months the detailed programme will be elaborated and you will be informed in time.

At this moment we would like to ask you to:

- keep the dates free in your agenda
- let us know whether you are able to attend.

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**Best regards and looking forward to see you in Budapest.**

**Frank van Holst and Richard Eberlin**