



The Status of Land Development and Land Consolidation in Europe - 2011

- a cross section analysis -

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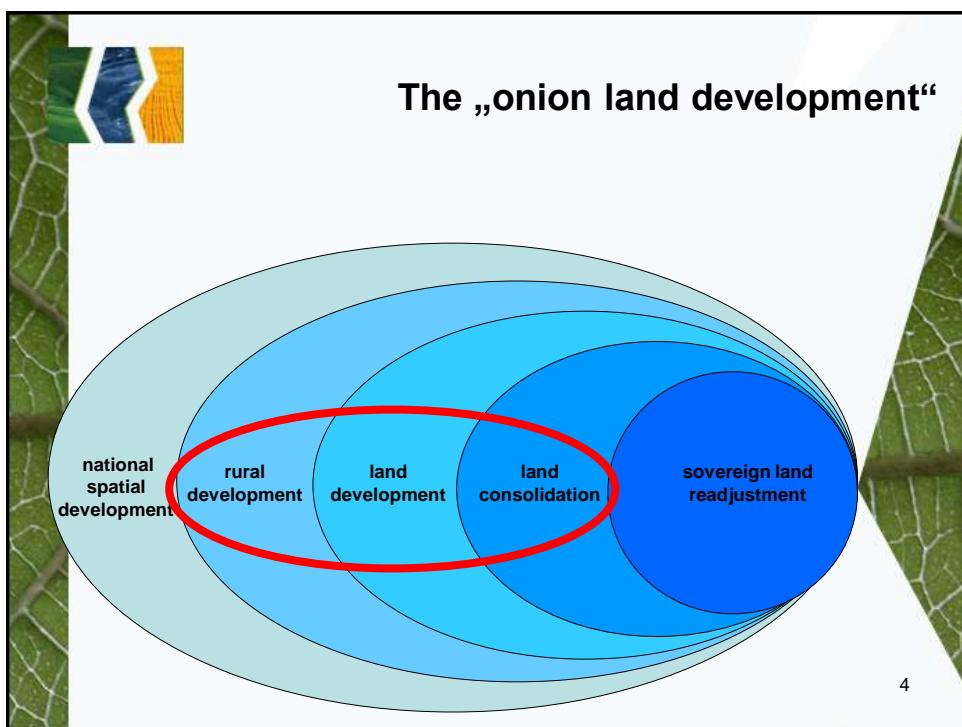
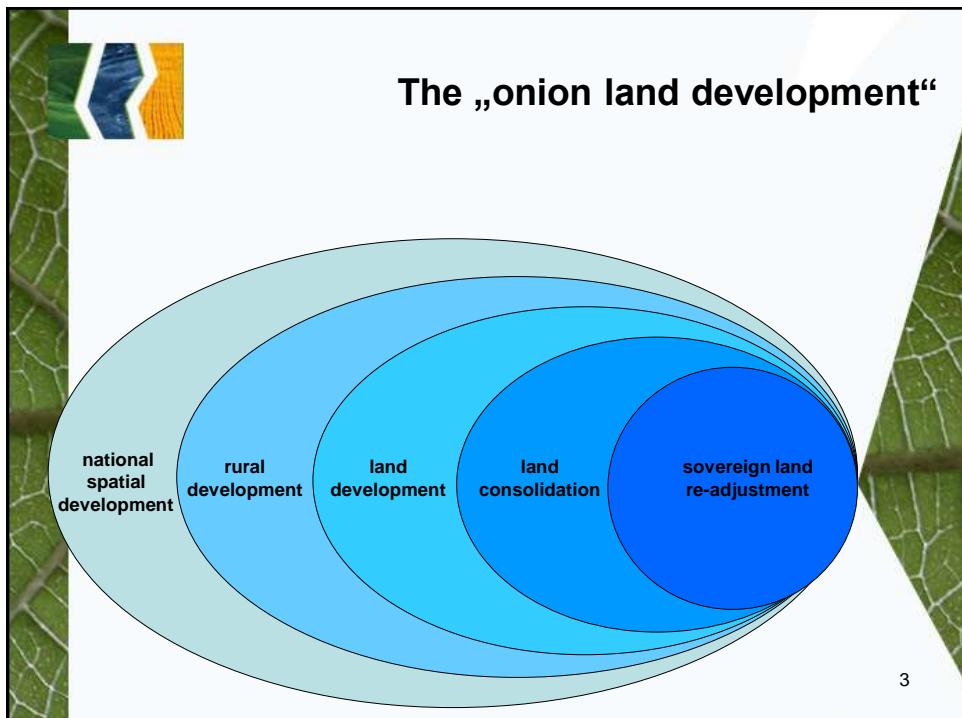


Overall finding:

**common grounds in fundamentals,
but
multiplicity in details by implementation!**

- Terminology
- Role of Land Development within the national RDPs
- Role of Land Consolidation
- State of the Art and Tendencies in Land Consolidation

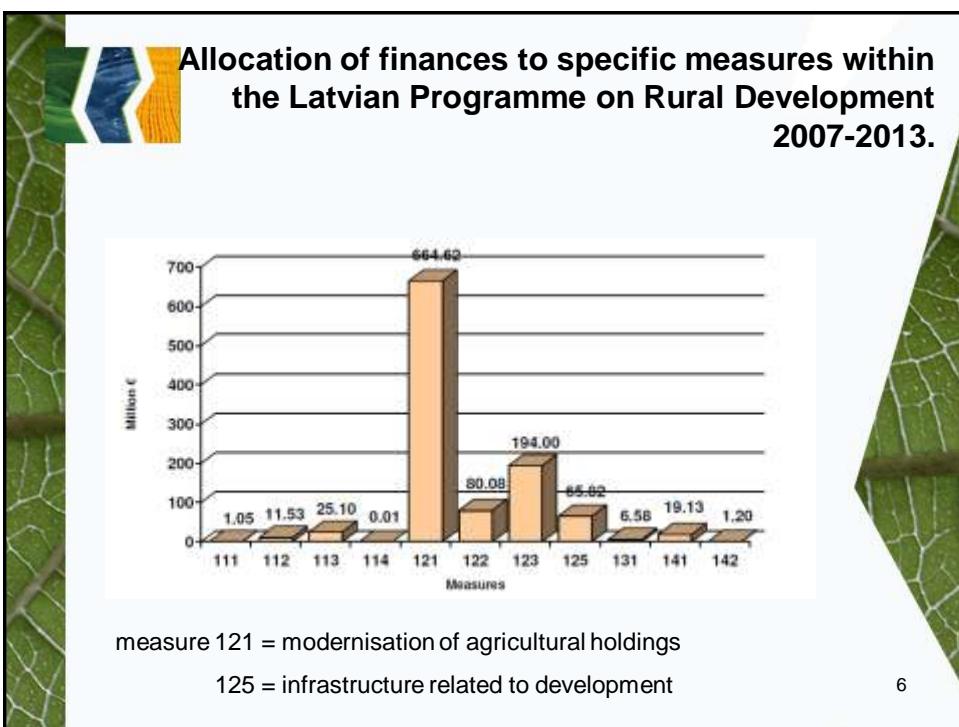
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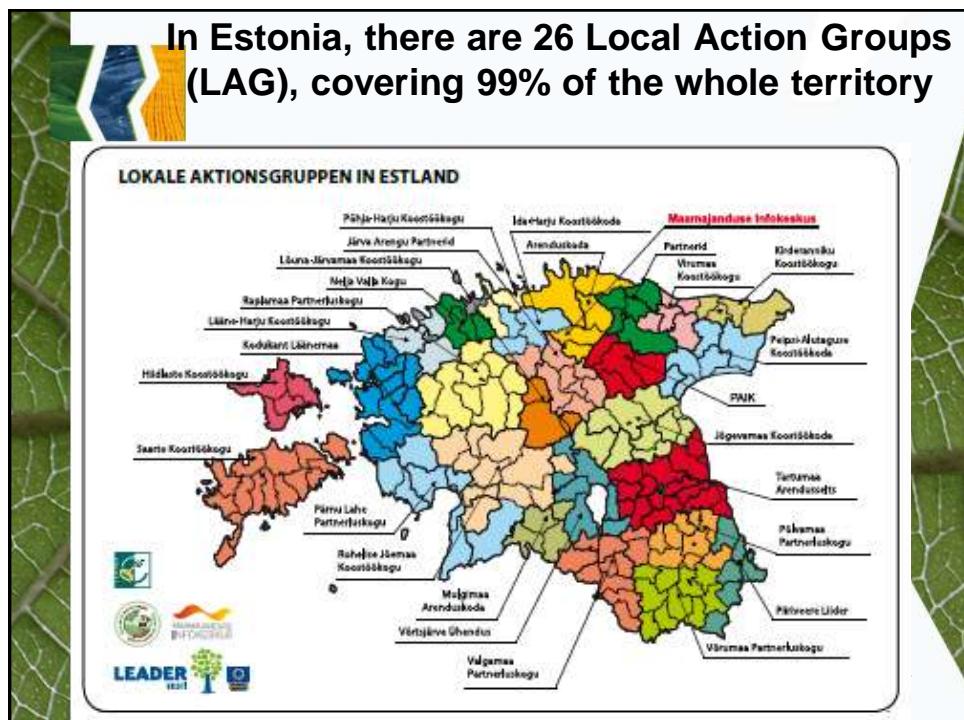




Distribution of state expenditures for Rural Development in selected EU - member States 2007-2013

Country	Axis 1	Axis 2	Axis 3	LEADER Axis 4	techn. support	total
Bulgaria	37,2%	24,0%	27,1%	2,4%	3,8%	100%
England	8,6%	80,6%	6,4%	4,2%	0,1%	100%
Estonia	37,6%	36,2%	12,9%	9,3%	4,1%	100%
France	36,2%	51,7%	6,4%	4,8%	1,0%	100%
Latvia	47,7%	26,8%	19,1%	2,4%	4,1%	100%
Lithuania	41,2%	36,5%	12,2%	6,1%	4,1%	100%
Netherlands	29,9%	29,7%	29,8%	10,0%	0,6%	100%
Austria	13,8%	72,4%	6,5%	5,4%	2,0%	100%
Poland	41,7%	32,2%	19,9%	4,6%	1,6%	100%
Slovakia	32,6%	48,5%	14,0%	2,9%	2,0%	100%
Czech Rep.	23,6%	58,1%	17,8%	0,5%	0,1%	100%





Analysis of land consolidation issues

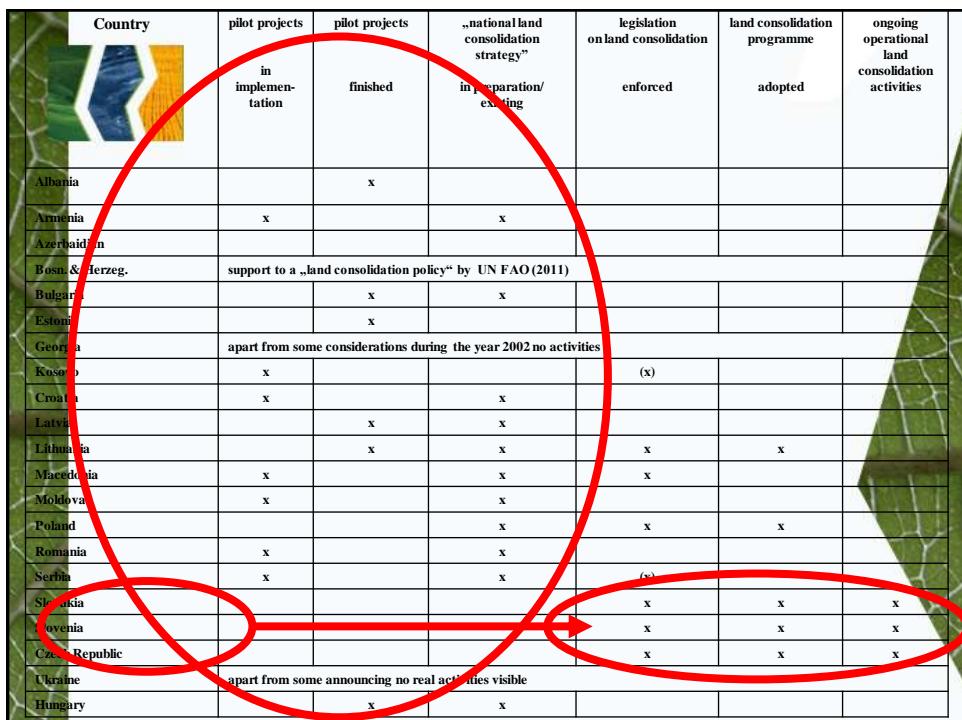
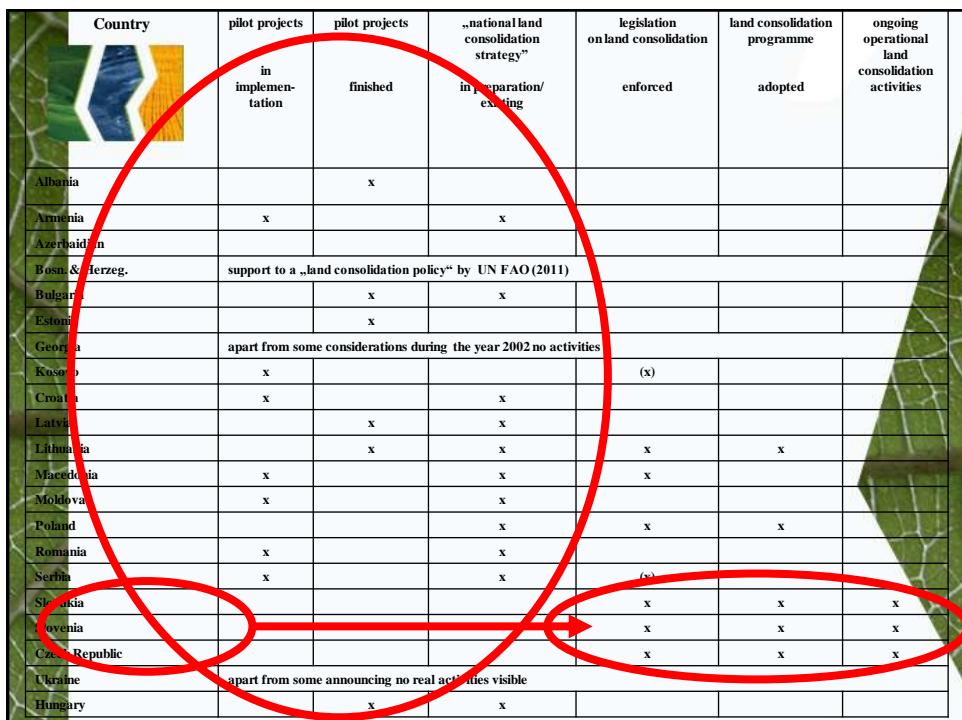
Different approaches:

- What is operationally happening?
- Is there any legislative or institutional activities?
- Which purposes and objectives are pursued?

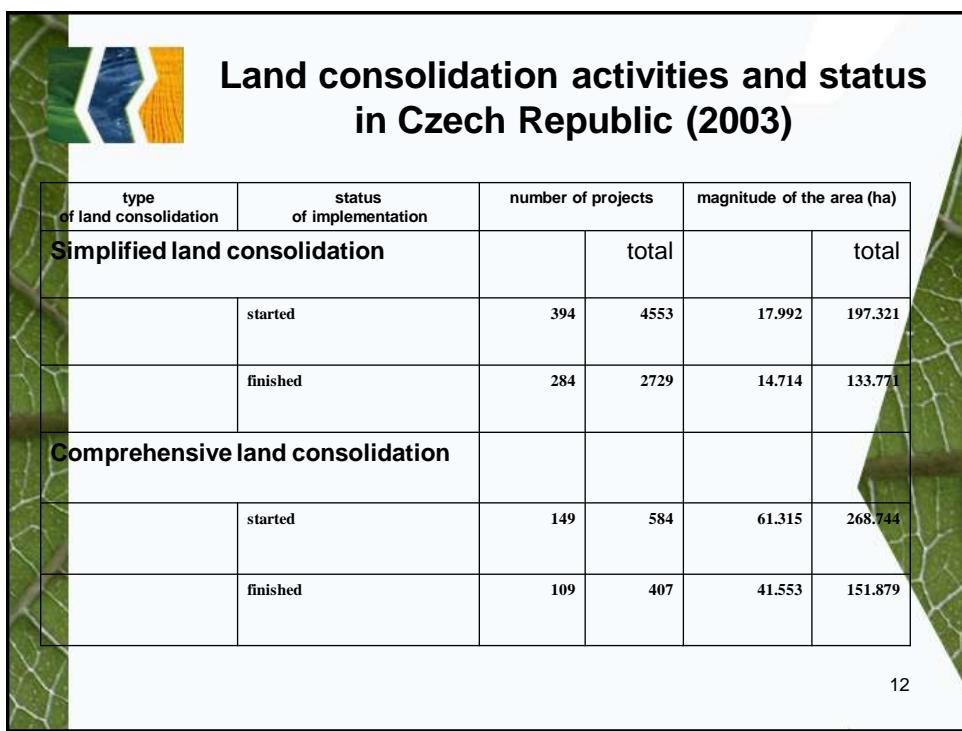
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Armenia	x		x			
Azerbaijan						
Bosn. & Herzeg.	support to a „land consolidation policy“ by UN FAO (2011)					
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Estonia		x				
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Kosovo	x			(x)		
Croatia	x		x			
Latvia		x	x			
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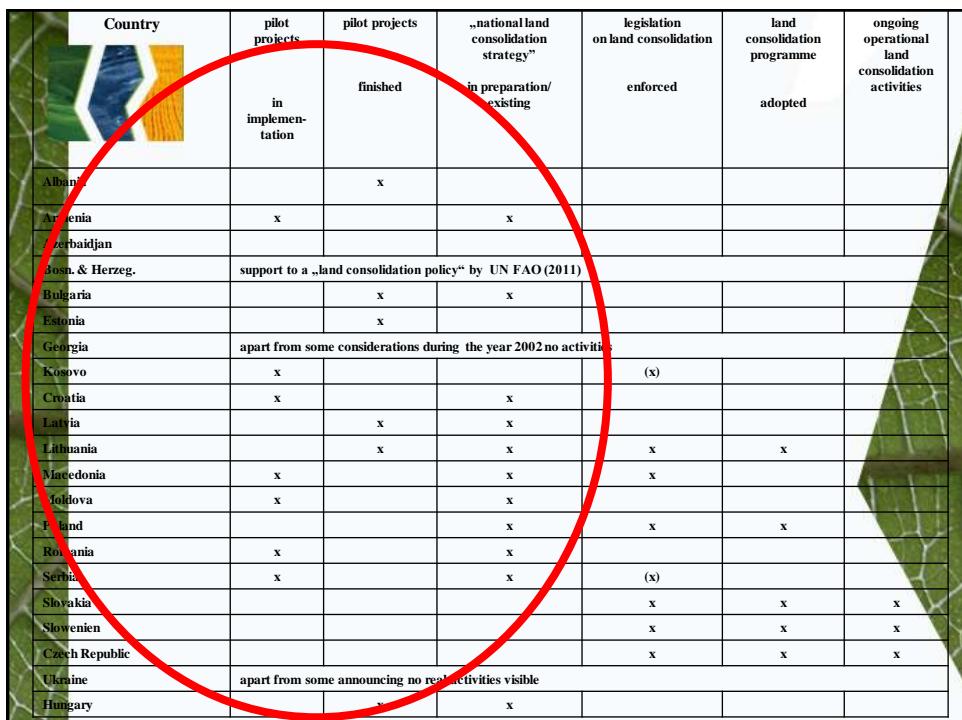



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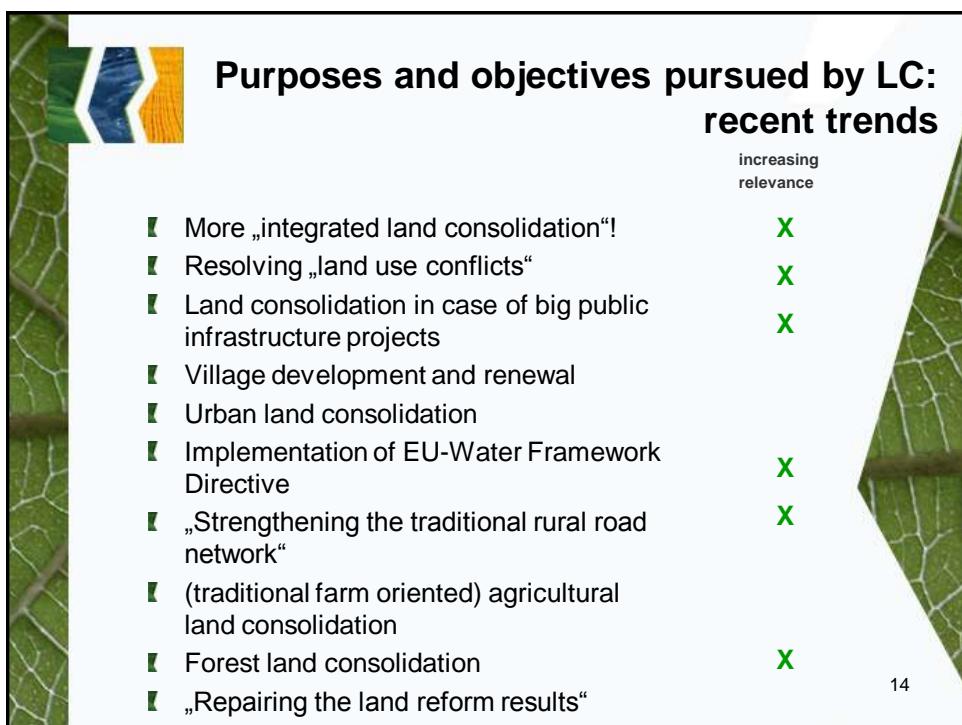


Land consolidation activities and status in Czech Republic (2003)

type of land consolidation	status of implementation	number of projects	magnitude of the area (ha)
Simplified land consolidation			
	started	394	4553
	finished	284	2729
Comprehensive land consolidation			
	started	149	584
	finished	109	407



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Purposes and objectives pursued by LC: recent trends

increasing relevance

- █ More „integrated land consolidation“! X
- █ Resolving „land use conflicts“ X
- █ Land consolidation in case of big public infrastructure projects X
- █ Village development and renewal
- █ Urban land consolidation
- █ Implementation of EU-Water Framework Directive X
- █ „Strengthening the traditional rural road network“ X
- █ (traditional farm oriented) agricultural land consolidation
- █ Forest land consolidation X
- █ „Repairing the land reform results“

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Recent institutional and legislative development

Overall Goal:

formal integration of measures of rural and land development in the national spatial planning

- ↳ 2008: Amendment of the Dutch Land Development Act and transfer of executing responsibilities to Province Administration.
- ↳ 2008: Flemish Decree to Promoting sustainable Development and embedding of public development interventions in the National Sustainability Strategy (with recent (2012) adjustment and amendments).
- ↳ Since about 2005 in Germany: interministerial working groups to coordinating of rural development measures in the state regional planning activities.
- ↳ Corresponding trends for instance in Finland, Hungary, Portugal.

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- ↳ Traditional agricultural land consolidation
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- ↳ Implementation of EU-Water Framework Directive
- ↳ Urban land consolidation
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- ↳ „Strengthening the traditional rural road network“

Questions:

- ↳ Why to pursue these (public or private) goals?
- ↳ Which role does play LC by pursuing these goals?

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- Multifold (public and private) goals are pursued by LC with increasing relevance.
- Voluntary LC approaches create very limited results and doesn't play any relevant role within the national economy concerned.
- National wide and effective LC approaches need
 - ↳ solid legislation
 - ↳ with obligatory participation of the land owners
 - ↳ and legally established institutions.

(Prerequisite: there is an urgent public demand on solving specific socially or economically relevant problems!)

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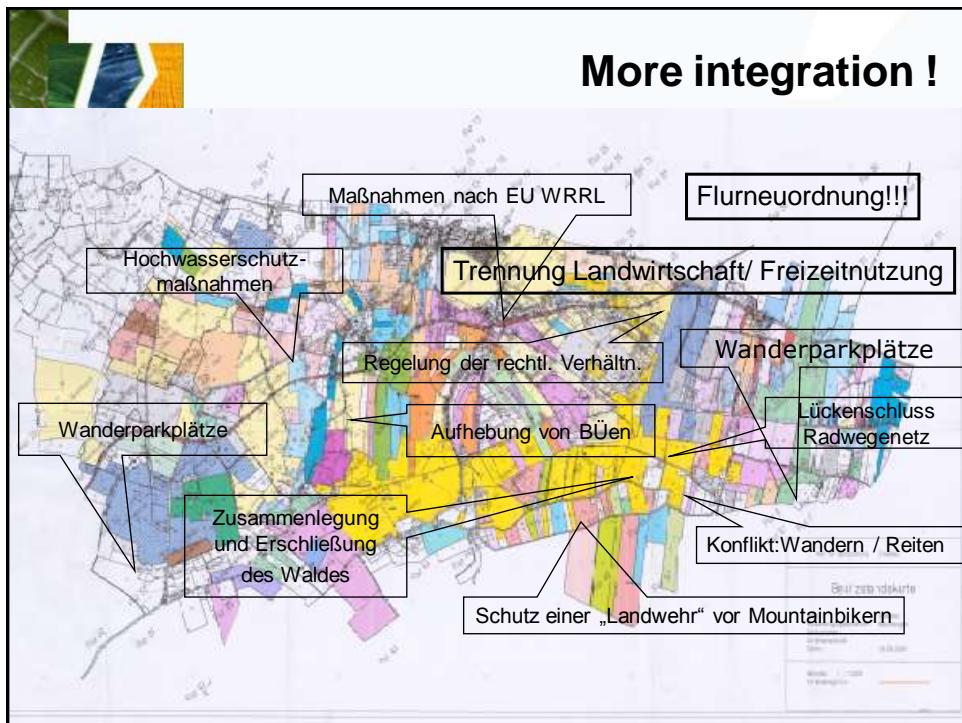
- Why do we need a solid legislation?
- Why do we need a legitimation of the acting institutions?
- How to get an adequate legislation?
- How to promote institutional development, if necessary?

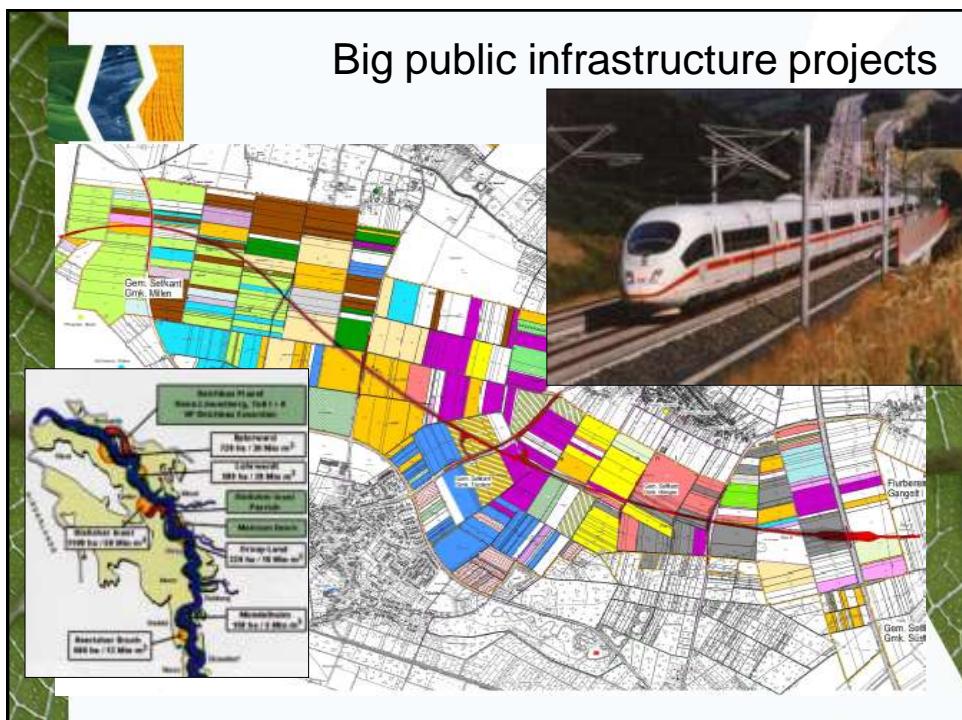
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I examples on recent trends:







Implementation of the EU-Water- Framework-Directive



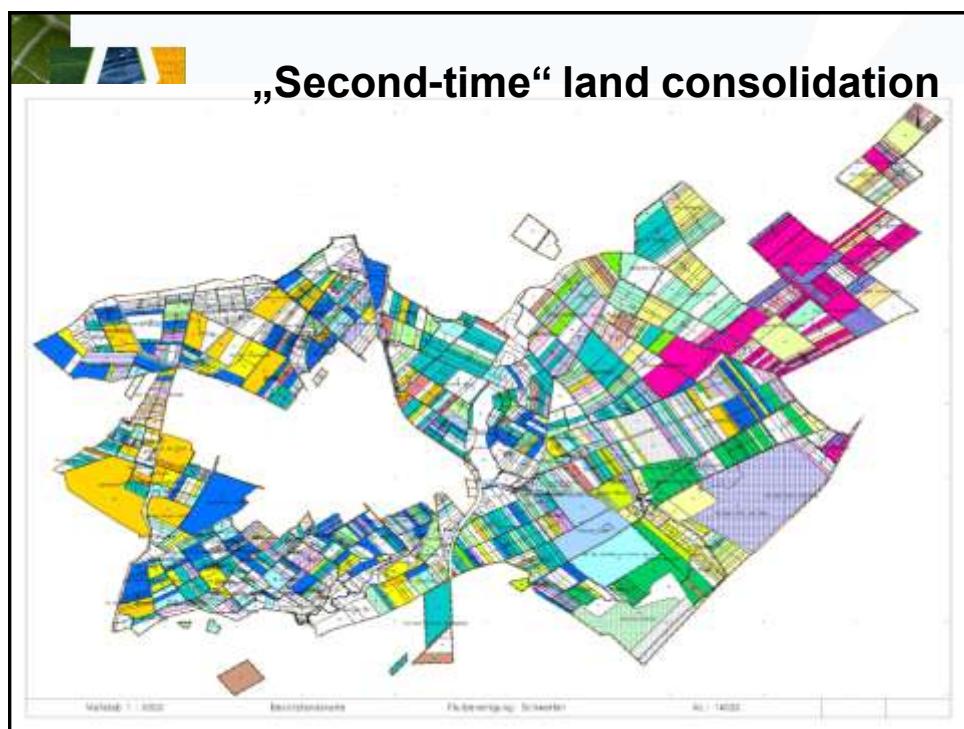
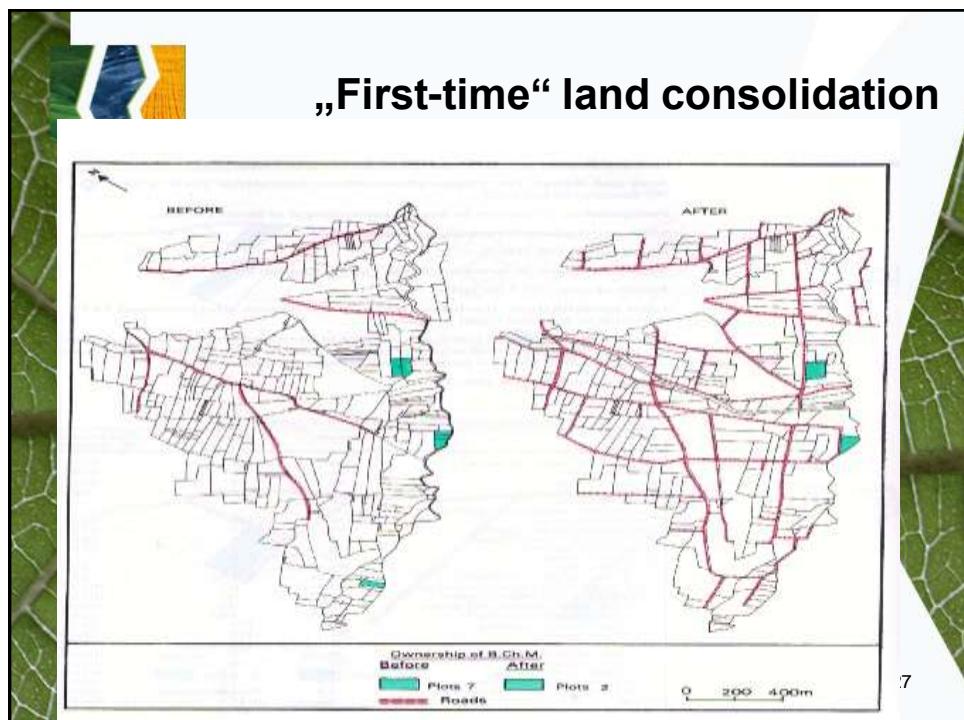
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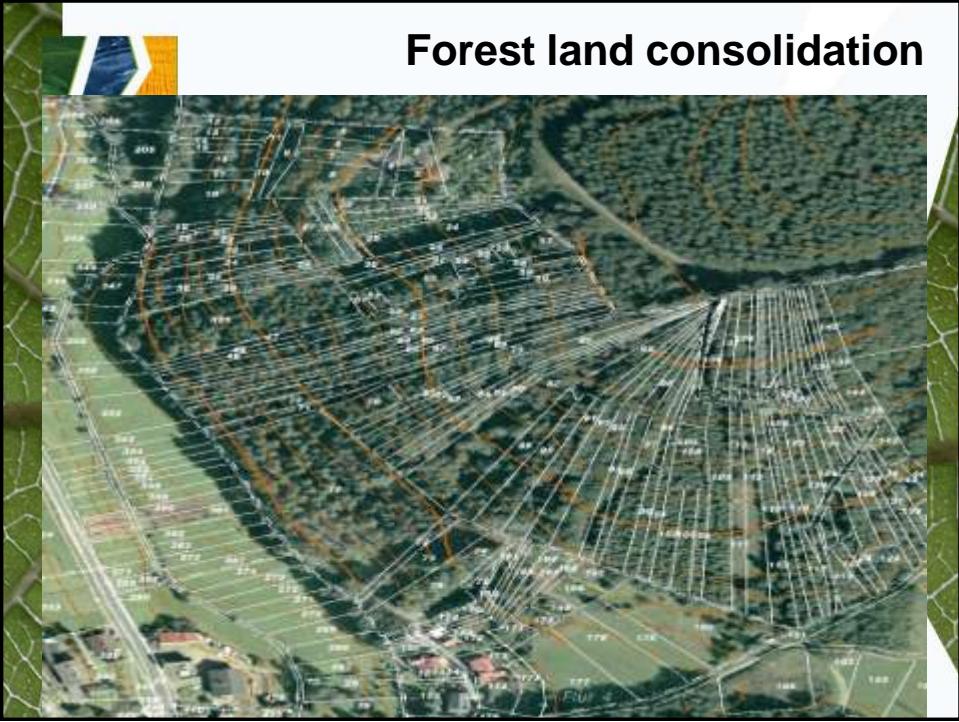


Strengthening the rural road network



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Forest land consolidation

