











LANDNET 2014: Notes for Rapporteurs Session: 3

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Solving of land fragmentation can be financed under the RDP by a land consolidation sub measure (directly) and by some other sub measures e.g. to improve irrigation system (indirectly)	Use of IPA funds has been made more flexible. In the past accreditation of IPA PA was a long process. It is important for countries like Albania, Macedonia and Serbia to include LC in their rural development strategies.
Direct assistance and investment in infrastructure related to land is limited. A diverse range of measures to incentive	•













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LC directly or indirectly LC is available.		
The 'Partnership agreement' for RDP is umbrella for the coherence of the different funds and measures	•	
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