



Workshop on Land Tenure and Land Consolidation

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – FAO

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Land Development Instruments and Information Tools to Assist Land Structure Reforms: the Galician Experience

Santiago de Compostela – Galicia

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Background information

FAO, together with its partners, has embarked on a multi-year programme to assist CEEs countries to develop responses to their problems of fragmentation and adverse rural conditions. This programme comprises three interrelated components: regional workshops, technical guidelines and field projects.

The workshops have provided a forum for specialists from different countries to meet one another and to develop a peer network. Early workshops identified the need for information on how to start land consolidation activities in a country while last workshops have identified the need of developing other instruments and tools to complement the land consolidation actions.

In the 2008 workshop in Prague it was emphasized, among other issues, the importance of state land reserves in the land reform of CEEs countries as well as the role that a land bank instrument can play if it is developed together with land consolidation policies. Furthermore, during the workshop an innovative approach of land bank – the Galician Land Bank, Spain- was presented by representatives of the **Regional Government of Galicia** and the **University of Santiago de Compostela** (Spain). Most of the participants agreed that the Galician land tenure structure situation is similar to the situation in their countries and showed a lot of interest about the Galician experience in land development instruments. You can find more details of the workshop 2008, as well as the proceedings, in the following address:

http://www.fao.org/regional/seur/events/landcons4/landcons4_en.htm

Therefore, in a participatory exercise the following topics, among others, were highlighted as priorities for further capacity building:

- Legal and institutional aspects of land consolidation
- Land market and land banking
- Land registration and land information systems
- Participatory approaches to land use planning and land consolidation

Finally, in a meeting after the workshop with FAO, representatives from the Galician Government and the University of Santiago de Compostela suggested to host and organize a land tenure workshop in 2009, in order to go deeper into the functioning of the instruments based on land bank principles, as well as the digital information tools to assist land policies.

In August 2008 a meeting between representatives of the Galician Government, the University and FAO was held in Santiago de Compostela in order to further refine the proposal of the workshop that it is now presented.

Objectives of the workshop

The objectives of the workshop are the following:

- To increase the knowledge about modern land tenure reform instruments:
 - The new land tenure structure reform in Galicia, focusing on:
 - The functioning of the Galician Land Bank (BanTeGal) after a year of operation
 - The functioning of the Forest Management Units as efficient instruments to consolidate forest areas
 - The new draft *Act on Land Structure Reform*, which is under elaboration in order to adapt the land consolidation schemes to the real needs of the Galician countryside and coordinate it with the new land development instruments
 - Similar initiatives in other countries
- To increase the knowledge on land administration and information systems to implement land policies, as well as the use of new technologies in the achievement of land policy objectives
- To strengthen the peer network of land development professionals around Europe
- To illustrate the new policies and instruments through visiting field projects and case studies

Logistic Information

The workshop is organized in the Hotel Peregrino



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

FIRST DAY, MONDAY 9th of February of 2009 - LAND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENTS		
09.15	09.30	Opening of the workshop Xosé Carballido Presas General Director of Agrarian Structures and Infrastructures. Ministry of Rural Affairs of Galicia
09.30	09.50	Land Development in Galicia, a new perspective <i>Gonzalo Constenla Bergueiro</i> Director of the Ministry of Rural Affairs of Galicia in the province of Pontevedra
09.50	10.10	The Galician farm model and its relation with land <i>Orlando Pablo Vázquez Yañez</i> General Sub-director of Farms. Ministry of Rural Affairs of Galicia
10.10	10.30	Land Development instruments in Europe. <i>Richard Eberlin</i> Land Tenure and Rural Development Officer. FAO.
10.30	11.00	Coffee Break
11.00	11.30	The Land Bank of Galicia <i>Francisco José Ónega López.</i> Director manager of the Land Bank of Galicia
11.30	12.00	Estimating potential supply and demand of land in Galicia: a decision support tool for the Galician Land Bank <i>Eduardo Corbelle Rico</i> Researcher of the University of Santiago de Compostela – LABORATE.
12.00	12.30	Valuation of referential land prices for the Land Bank Actions <i>Marcial Díaz Manso</i> Responsible of geographic tools of the SITGA. Ministry of Rural Affairs of Galicia.
12.30	13.00	Evaluation of the Land Bank activities <i>Elsa Coimbra</i> Researcher of the Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia (Lisbon) - Laborate USC
13.00	14.30	Lunch in the hotel
14.30	15.00	Land Consolidation in Galicia <i>Cristina Zolle Fernández</i> Technical Assistance Ministry of Rural Affairs of Galicia
15.00	15.30	Draft of the New Act on the Agrarian Structure Reform <i>Alejandro Vázquez Moliní</i> General Sub-director of Agrarian Structures and Infrastructures. Ministry of Rural Affairs of Galicia
15.30	16.00	Coffee Break
16.00	16.30	Galician forest and the Forest Management Units (UXFOR) <i>Enrique Álvarez</i> Responsible of the Technician team of the UXFOR.
16.30	17.00	FAO's experience with joint private forest management approaches in Europe <i>Hubert Inhaizer</i> Junior Technical Forestry Officer - FAO - SEUR
17.00	17.15	Closing and instructions for next day
17.30	19.00	Guided Visit to Santiago
21.00	Dinner in the Restaurant: "O dezaseis" (Rúa San Pedro Nº16)	

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY 10th of February of 2009

FIELD TRIP

Land Development project in As Bouzas (Ourense)
Forest Management Unit in Cartelle (Ourense)
Land use project in Allariz
Visit to Allariz

(From 8am to 8pm, estimated)

THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY 11th of February of 2009

LAND INFORMATION TOOLS FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT

9.00	9.40	Evolution of the Spanish Cadastre <i>Benito Bericoechea</i> Regional Manager of the Spanish Cadastre in Galicia. Ministry of Economy and Financial Affairs.
9.40	10.40	Farming Land Geographical Information System <i>Santiago Vázquez Abal</i> Head of CAP aids. FOGGA. Regional Ministry of Rural Affairs
10.40	11.10	Hungarian land use registry, cadastral mapping system and National Land Fund <i>Balazs Szeder</i> Land tenure and rural development technical officer. FAO
11.10	11.30	Coffee Break
11.30	12.00	GIS in land consolidation: the future tool to success. Experiences from forest land consolidation in Sweden. <i>Mats Backman</i> Swedsurvey - Sweden
12.00	13.00	Information Systems to manage the Land Bank of Galicia and the Forest Management Units. <i>Ramón Doallo Biempica</i> Full Professor of the Department of Electronics and Systems Director of the Computer Architecture Group University of A Coruña
13.00	13.30	Closing event <i>Alfredo Suárez Canal</i> Minister of Rural Affairs of Galicia
13.30	15.00	Lunch in the hotel
15.00	17.00	Discussion and Evaluation



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