






Government Service for Land and Water Management
 Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation



Budapest International Workshop 2011

Land abandonment Questionnaires

Margarida Ambar





DGADR, Portugal



Ministério da Agricultura
 do Desenvolvimento Rural e das Pescas

DGADR
 Direcção-Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural

International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011








Definition of “Land Abandonment”

12 countries

| Country | Defin / concept | Synonymous |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Bulgaria | Y | |
| Poland | N | Not cultivated land |
| Moldova | Y | |
| Denmark | Y | |
| Sweeden | Y | |
| Netherlands | Y | |
| Montenegro | N | |
| Romania | Y | Unused agriculture surface |
| Serbia | Y (law) | |
| Cyprus | N | Uncultivated agric. land |
| Kosovo | N | Fallow land |
| Portugal | Y (soon law) | |

International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011






Definition of “Land Abandonment”

Variety:

- From more “simple”
 - Not used land
 - Agricultural land left uncultivated for 2 years or more
 - Land abandoned for a very long time without time limit
- To more elaborated...
 - The law stipulates that the abandoned land is land that has not been used in the previous vegetative season and is still not used at the beginning of second vegetative season
 - Land that has agricultural or forestall capacity which is uncultivated without a just cause or that is able to cause damage because it's not being well managed or maintained.


International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011

Significance and location in your country / region

- Bulgaria: abandoned are declared 1 996 701 plots with 1 053 202 ha.
- Moldova - All regions
- Denmark - Land abandonment is almost not existing



International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011

Driving forces

- Small holding size
- Fragmentation and dispersion of plots
- No road access
- Ownership held in undivided form
- Irregular shape of plots
- Migration of population from rural to urban areas;
- Subsidies and insufficient investment by the Government
- elderly farmers
- private property restitution has resulted in excessive fragmentation of land and individual
- not profitable
- low quality land
- bad agricultural infrastructures



International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011

Impact of land abandonment in your country

- it is not the biggest issue in Bulgarian agriculture at the moment
- in Sweden can be neglected
- For Cyprus, uncultivated agricultural land” is one of the most important problems of agriculture in our country. The main negative impacts are: (1)The declining movement that characterizes the indicators of the Agricultural sector and its diminishing contribution to the Gross Domestic Product; (2)The unrestricted movement of the residents, from the rural regions to the city centers; (3) The utilisation of agricultural land in other sectors of the economy

International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011

Policies and instruments


Moldova - there is no legal framework on land abandoned

Denmark - support schemes under the RDP 2007-13 (axis 2) support in different ways agricultural production in vulnerable areas

One measure to fight land abandonment is a land bank based on a system of revolving funds. We are currently in the process of establishing one in Noord-Holland

Romania - compulsory cultivation of land by owners of agricultural land (penalties) + through pillar 1 of PAC, there are granted payments on surfaces to farmers, under conditions

International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011

Data available

Moldova, Montenegro, Portugal – there is no data




Bulgaria - a database is available at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and its local services

Serbia - the State Statistical Bureau has data on abandoned land and also the Ministry of Agriculture

Kosovo - at country level, the Statistical Office of Kosovo; in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, the Agricultural Statistics Division owns these data

Denmark - data about support schemes under the RDP 2007-13 is available at the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries




International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011



Questions

- Do you recognize the list of 9 drivers?
- Please rank them in order of importance
- Please, choose the 3 main drivers and discuss the interpretation. Give your remarks and recommendations
- Do you want to add other issues?

International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011



Thank you for your attention!

International Workshop on Land Consolidation and Land Banking – Budapest, 6-9 June 2011