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Land consolidation in EU rural development policies: an overview

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Overview

- ***EU CAP reform and integration***
- ***Potential support for land consolidation***
 - *EU member states*
 - *Potential candidate countries*
 - *Candidate countries*
- ***New CAP and land consolidation***

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CAP legal frame – 4 main regulations

CAP - first pillar

- Direct aids
 - Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 73/2009 on single payments schemes
- Market interventions
 - Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 72/2009 on single common market organisation

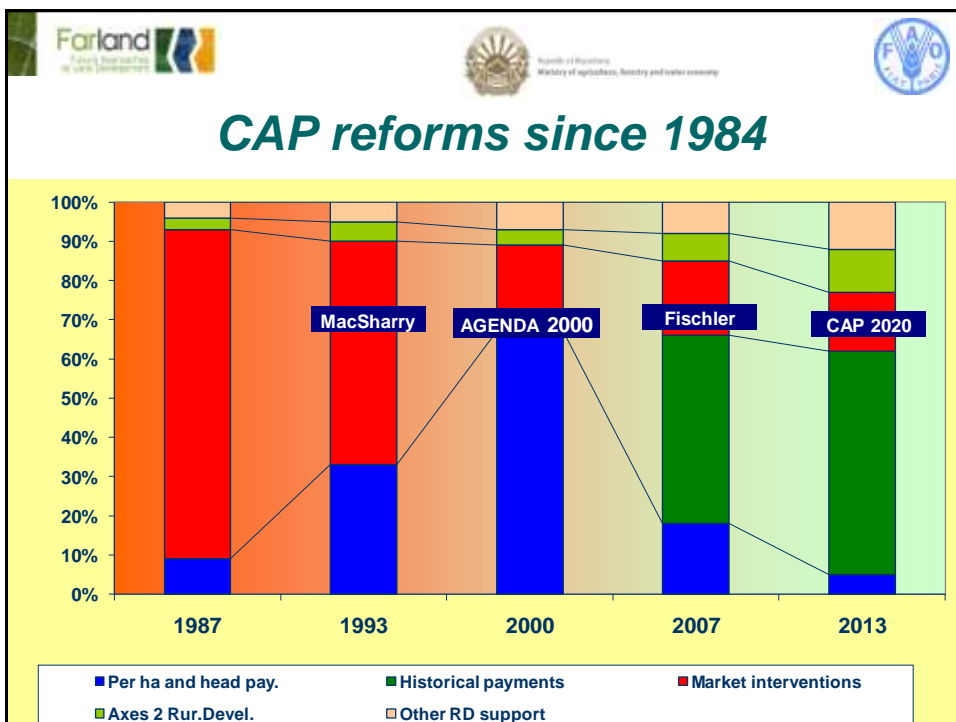
CAP – second pillar

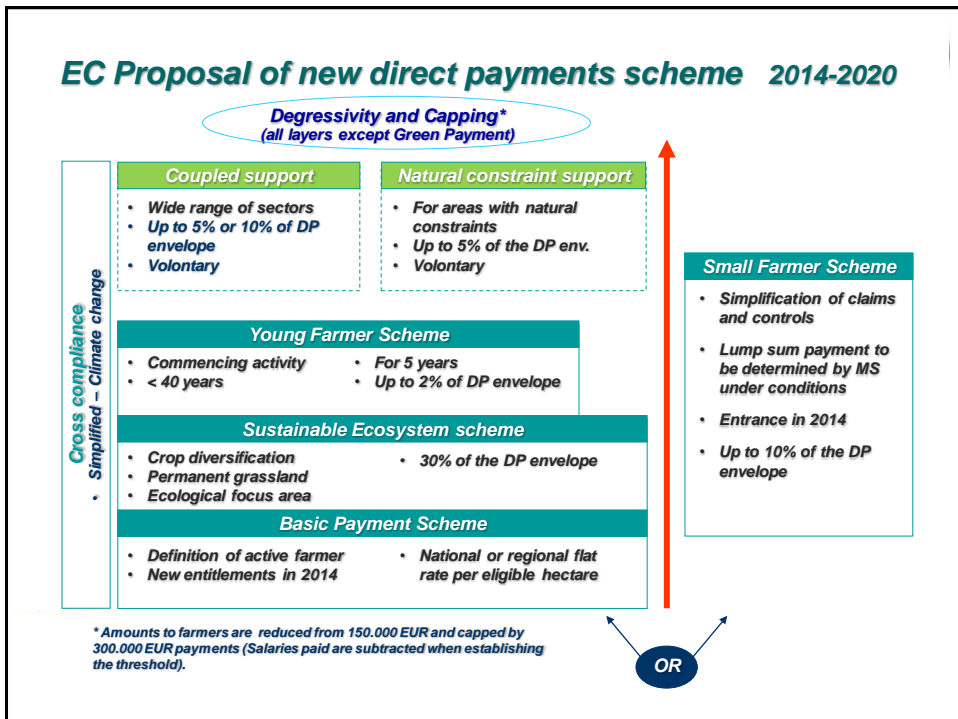
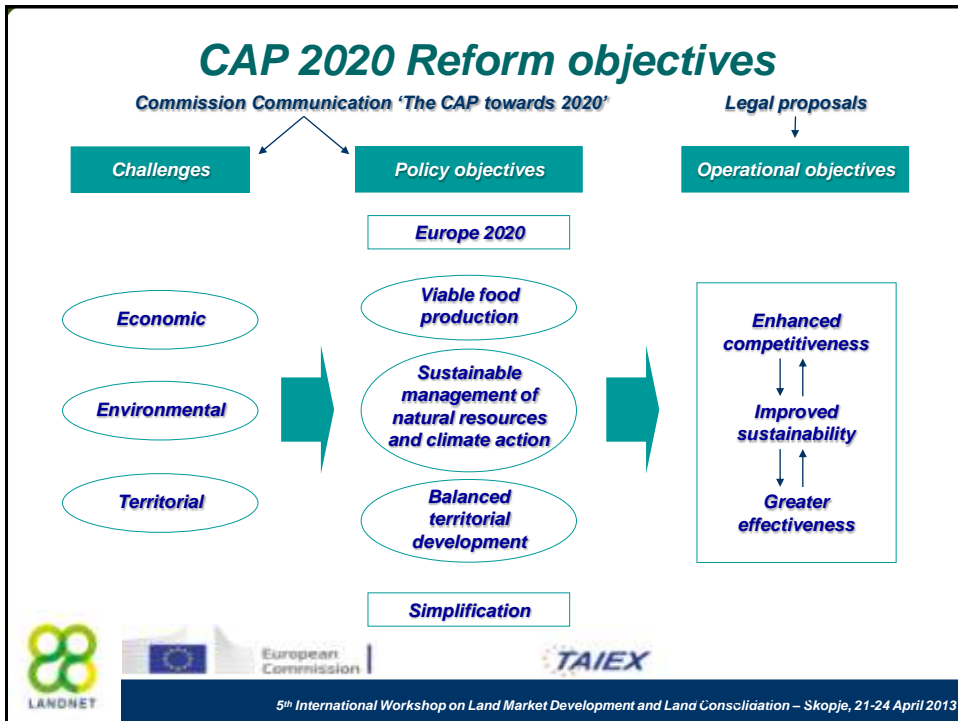
- Rural development policy
 - Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1698/2005 on support for rural development European fund for rural development (EARFD)




Horizontal regulations

- CAP financing
 - Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1290/2005 on financing of CAP

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EC: new measures approach

- **Approach:**
 - **Continuity** with respect to the present programming period, but reduced number of measures to simplify programming
 - **Flexibility** in the choice of measures within any priority to fully exploit their possible synergetic effects
- **Key measures:**
 - **Knowledge transfer and information and advisory services**
 - **Investments in physical assets:**
 - higher support rates for young farmers, collective and integrated projects








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EC: new measures approach

- Farm and business development
 - extended support for young farmers, small farmers and micro and small businesses
- **Agri-environment-climate payments and organic farming:** more flexibility and reinforced support for joint actions
- **Co-operation measure** including pilot projects, short supply chain, local promotion and support for setting up of producer groups in all MSs
- **New risk management toolkit**
- **Leader** approach strengthened across EU funds








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Current status of CAP 2020 preparations

- Discussions ongoing among EC, Parliament and Council
- Final compromise expected by end June or July
- Around 30 meetings on four basic regulations (direct payments, rural development, common market organization and horizontal aspects)
- Critical issues are capping of direct aid, greening of aid, support measures for young farmers, and market measures
- However, not expected that all the provisions enter into force by January 2014
- Therefore, proposal for transitional measures made (direct payments)
- New direct payments scheme will not be implemented before 2015, including aid greening under the first pillar (direct aid and market-related expenditure), internal convergence (end of historical references to be replaced with aid per hectare) and support for young farmers
- Payment agencies will need time to adjust their procedures








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EU integration (current procedures)

- **Three phases:**
 - potential candidate country – IPA
 - 2 components (institution & capacity building)
 - candidate country – IPARD
 - 5 components (IPARD)
 - member country – EAFRD, etc.
 - full set








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EU integration – CAP 2014 - 2020

- Flexible approach
- 5 policy areas, regardless status, phased approach
 - transition process and capacity building
 - regional development
 - employment, social policies and human resources development
 - **agriculture and rural development**
 - regional and territorial cooperation

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Potential support for land consolidation

- To be updated by midyear to reflect the new program







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Potential support for land consolidation





Support (supply side)

- **direct support:**
 - (i) giving direct support to land consolidation
- **indirect support:**
 - (ii) indirect support to land consolidation by funding necessary changes in infrastructure, e.g. rural roads, irrigation and drainage, etc.
 - (iii) create favorable preconditions and provide support for successful implementation of land consolidation, e.g. institution building, planning and training, etc.








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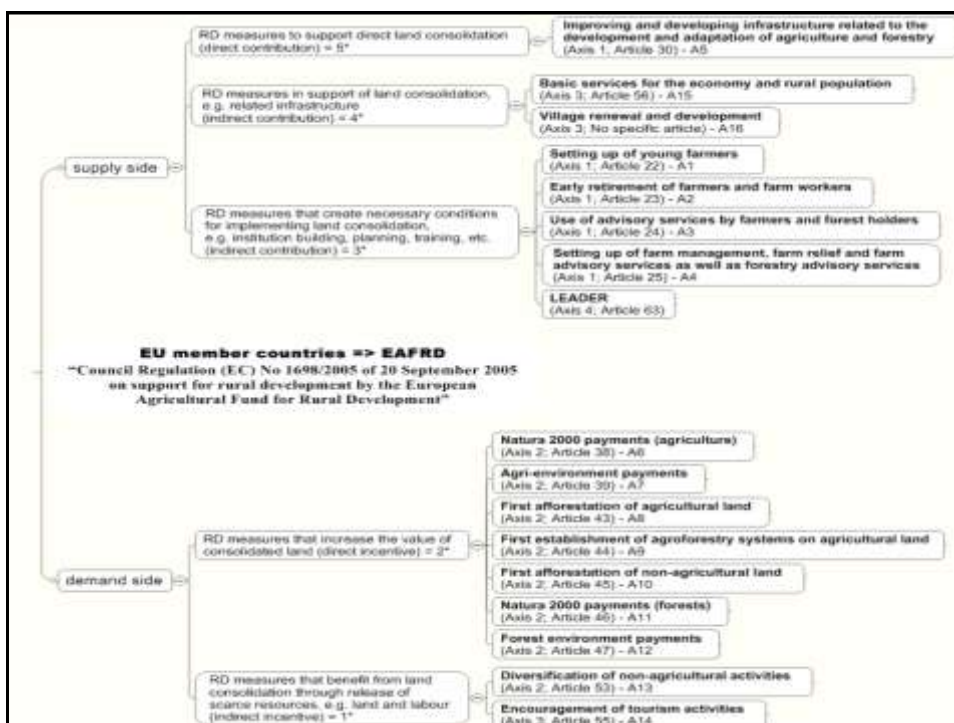
Potential support for land consolidation




Incentives (demand side)

- **direct incentive:**
 - (iv) increase the potential value or economic return of the consolidated parcels
- **indirect incentive:**
 - (v) benefit from the release of scarce resources, such as land or labor through successful land consolidation activities




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Potential support - EAFRD

- **direct support**
 - Improving and developing infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (Axis 1; Article 30)
- **indirect support**
 - Basic services for the economy and rural population (Axis 3; Article 56)
 - Village renewal and development (Axis 3; No specific article)
 - Setting up of young farmers (Axis 1; Article 22)
 - Early retirement of farmers and farm workers (Axis 1; Article 23)
 - Use of advisory services by farmers and forest holders (Axis 1; Article 24)
 - Setting up of farm management, farm relief and farm advisory services as well as forestry advisory services (Axis 1; Article 25)
 - LEADER (Axis 4; Article 63)

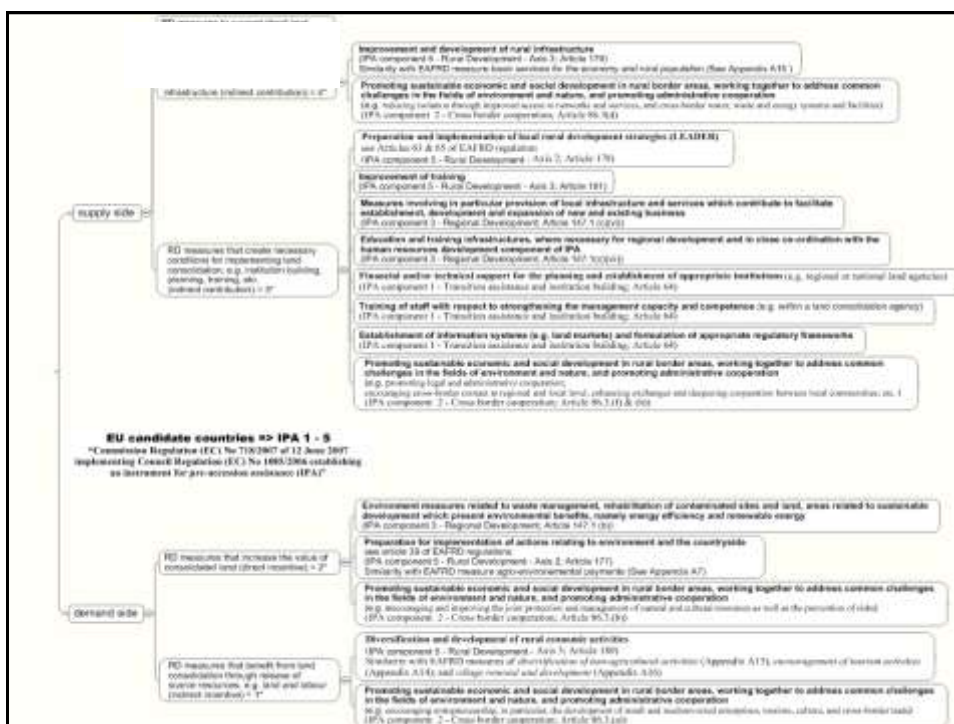
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Potential support - EAFRD

- **direct incentive**
 - Natura 2000 payments (agriculture) (Axis 2; Article 38)
 - Agri-environment payments (Axis 2; Article 39)
 - First afforestation of agricultural land (Axis 2; Article 43)
 - First establishment of agroforestry systems on agricultural land (Axis 2; Article 44)
 - First afforestation of non-agricultural land (Axis 2; Article 45)
 - Natura 2000 payments (forests) (Axis 2; Article 46)
 - Forest environment payments (Axis 2; Article 47)
- **indirect incentive:**
 - Diversification of non-agricultural activities (Axis 2; Article 53)
 - Encouragement of tourism activities (Axis 3; Article 55)

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Potential support for - IPARD

- **indirect contribution***
 - IPARD; Improvement and development of rural infrastructure (Axis 3; Article 179)
 - IPARD; Preparation and implementation of local rural development strategies, LEADER (Axis 2; Article 178)
 - IPARD; Improvement of training (Axis 3; Article 181)
 - IPA 3 – Regional Development; Measures involving in particular provision of local infrastructure and services which contribute to facilitate establishment, development and expansion of new and existing business (Article 147.1 (c)(vi))
 - IPA 3 – Regional Development; Education and training infrastructures, where necessary for regional development and in close co-ordination with the human resources development component of IPA (Article 147.1(c)(vii))

*: for IPA 1 & 2 measures see IPA slide




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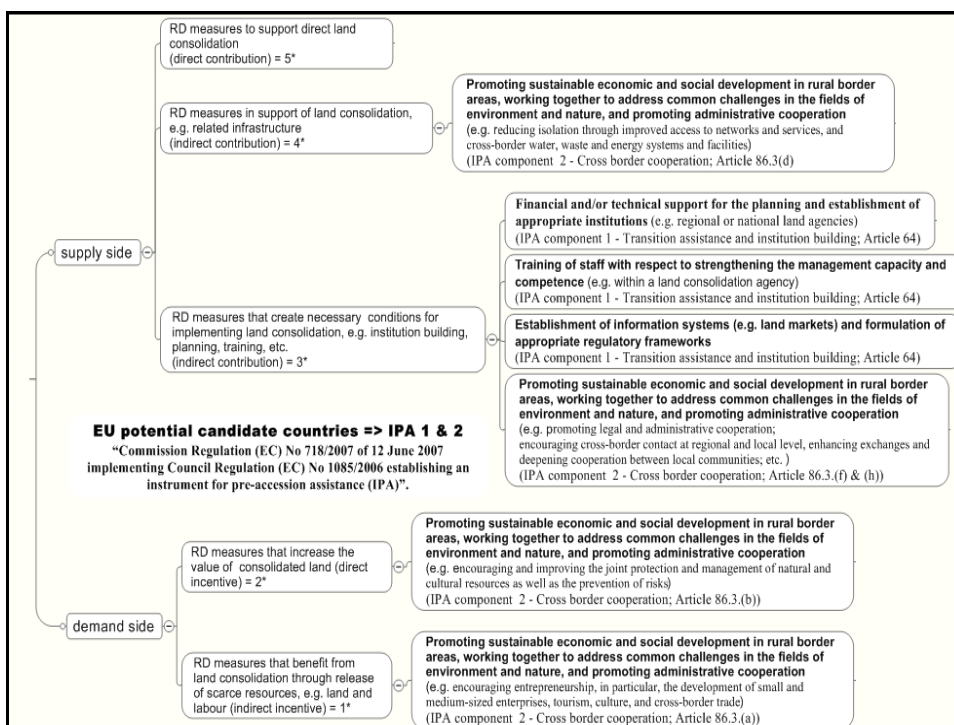
Potential support for - IPARD




- **direct incentive***
 - IPARD; Preparation for implementation of actions relating to environment and the countryside (Axis 2; Article 177)
 - IPA 3 – Regional Development; Environment measures related to waste management, rehabilitation of contaminated sites and land, areas related to sustainable development which present environmental benefits, namely energy efficiency and renewable energy (Article 147.1 (b))
- **indirect incentive***
 - IPARD; Diversification and development of rural economic activities (Axis 3; Article 180)

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Potential support - IPA

- **indirect support:**
 - (i) IPA 2 - Cross border cooperation; Article 86.3(d); e.g. reducing isolation through improved access to networks and services, and cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities
 - (ii) IPA 1 - Transition assistance and institution building; Article 64;
 - Financial and/or technical support for the planning and establishment of appropriate institutions (e.g. regional or national land agencies);
 - Training of staff with respect to strengthening the management capacity and competence (e.g. within a land consolidation agency);
 - Establishment of information systems (e.g. land markets) and formulation of appropriate regulatory frameworks

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Potential support - IPA


- **direct incentive:**
 - IPA 2 - Cross border cooperation; Article 86.3.(b); e.g. encouraging and improving the joint protection and management of natural and cultural resources as well as the prevention of risks
- **indirect incentive:**
 - IPA 2 - Cross border cooperation; Article 86.3.(b); e.g. (e.g. encouraging entrepreneurship, in particular, the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, tourism, culture, and cross-border trade



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New CAP and land consolidation

- **By mid year new regulations should be available**
- **Countries have to prepare their agriculture and rural development strategies and programs**
- **Crucial that land consolidation is included, e.g. Albania, Macedonia, Serbia**
- **Current support regime will be valid until end 2014**



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