

Land Consolidation in EU Rural Development Policies in Lithuania

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FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION

- Main provisions for Land Consolidation are set in the Law on Land adopted by Seimas on the 27th of January 2004
- Development of the land consolidation plans shall be funded from the National budget as well as from the funds received from European Union.

FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2004-2006 (1)

- Lithuanian single Programming Document (SPD) of 2004-2006 (support from EAGGF Guidance section):
 - IV priority “Rural development and fishery”:
 - Measure 4 “Promoting the adaptation of rural areas”:
 - Sub-measure “Land re-parcelling”
(budget of 2,2 million EUR, 100 percent financing from the EU budget)
Applications submitted and support allocated for 0,76 million EUR (34%)

FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2004-2006 (2)

- Eligible expenditure:
 - Preparatory proceedings for land consolidation;
 - Preparation of land valuation plan for land consolidation;
 - Design of land consolidation projects;
 - Public consideration and approval;
 - Implementation of land consolidation project (including preparation of land consolidation agreement and legal registration of land parcels);
 - Publicity measures;
 - General expenditure.

FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2004-2006 (3)

- October 2005: first applications submitted by the landowners;
- November 2005: preliminary boundaries of LC project area defined;
- January 2008: 6 LC projects approved by the County Governors;
- May 2008: 8 LC projects approved by the County Governors;
- May – June 2008: LC agreements are being drafted.

FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2004-2006 (4)

- First 14 land consolidation projects:
 - 4 827 ha;
 - 2,6 million LT (0,76 million EUR) ;
 - 380 land owners;
 - 731 land parcels.
 - Number of land parcels after LC project was reduced in 219 land parcels (from 731 land parcel to 512).
 - The territory of the project - from 133 ha to 670 ha.
 - Participating land owners – from 9 people to 74 people.

FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2007 – 2013 (1)

- Rural Development Programme for 2007-2013
- Measure 8 “Improvement of Rural Infrastructure”
- Eligible expenditure:
 - Preparatory proceedings for land consolidation;
 - Preparation of land valuation plan for land consolidation;
 - Design of land consolidation projects;
 - Public consideration and approval;
 - Implementation of land consolidation project (including preparation of land consolidation agreement, legal registration of land parcels and preparation of projects for infrastructure (roads));
 - Publicity measures;
 - General expenditure.

FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2007 – 2013 (2)

- *Available budget is 16,16 million EUR*
- 17,35 million LT (5 million EUR) was given for preparation and implementation of 23 projects in 2011.
 - LC territory of 26 thousand ha, 5 000 land parcels that belong to 2 500 owners. The biggest project is supposed to be developed in the territory of 2 500 ha.
- In 2013 it is being applied for 18,81 million LT (5,5 million EUR) for the preparation and implementation of 16 projects.
 - It is planned to reorganize the territory of 26 thousand ha where there are 5 661 land parcels that belong to about 3 314 owners. The biggest project is supposed to be developed in the territory of 4 790ha.
- In totaly it's planned to use more than 10 million EUR (60-70 %)

LC RELATION WITH OTHER MEASURES (1)

MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF LC (indirect contribution)

Village renewal and development

MEASURES THAT CREATE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING LC (indirect contribution)

1. Setting up young farmers
2. Early retirement of farmers
3. Leader

LC RELATION WITH OTHER MEASURES (2)

MEASURES THAT INCREASE VALUE OF LC (direct incentive)

1. Agrienvironment payments.
2. First afforestation of agricultural land.
3. First afforestation of non-agricultural land.

MEASURES THAT BENEFIT FROM LC (indirect incentive)

1. Diversification of non-agricultural activities
2. Encouragement of tourism activities

PREPARATION FOR FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2014 – 2020 (1)

Ministry of Agriculture initiated the study on possibilities to adapt an integrated land consolidation model for the RDP 2007-2013 support in Vepriai area.

Integrated land consolidation model is created together with the integrated agricultural and rural development project in Ukmerge district Vepriai area as well, as its land consolidation model of several villages.

STUDY OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the possibilities to adapt an integrated land consolidation model for the RDP 2007-2013 support.

To submit proposals for the content of integrated land consolidation model.

PREPARATION FOR FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2014 – 2020 (2)

STUDY GOALS

1. While preparing new integration of land consolidation plans, provide solutions for the common territorial management problems and present proposals for the creation of integrated land consolidation plan.
2. To identify benefits of the use of the integrated land consolidation model in whole Lithuania while implementing RDP 2007-2013.
3. To identify the economic and social efficiency of the RDP 2007-2013 support while implementing integrated land consolidation model.
4. To identify potential integration of local development strategies into integrated land consolidation model.

PREPARATION FOR FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2014 – 2020 (3)

RESULTS

- Completed integrated land consolidated model.
- Completed integrated agricultural and rural development project.
- Formulated conclusions and concrete recommendations about the integrated land consolidation model influence on the RDP 2007–2013.

PREPARATION FOR FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2014 – 2020 (4)

AIMS OF THE INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

- 1.to analyse existing territorial development strategies and plans.
- 2.to analyse Local development strategy (prepared under the Rural Development Program).
- 3.to combine the territorial development strategies and plans with Local Development Strategies.
- 4.to develop proposals for the future implementation of similar projects.

PREPARATION FOR FINANCING OF LAND CONSOLIDATION IN 2014 – 2020 (5)

In 2012-2013 it's foreseen to prepare 15 integrated rural development projects as a platform for land consolidation projects for 2014-2020.

Thank you for your attention