

LANDNET Conference 2014  
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**Dear State Secretary Mr. Zoran Rajic, MAEP**

**Dear Mr Schmid, First Secretary for economic Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Germany**

**Dear Mr Knežević, Director of the Land directorate MAEP**

**Dear Mr Eberlin**

**Dear colleagues from FAO**

**Dear colleagues from GiZ**

**Ladies and Gentleman**

On behalf of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Serbia, I would like to transmit kind regards of the Head of Delegation Ambassador Michael Davenport to the audience of this event.

European Commission supports world-wide initiatives related to Land Management, Land Development, Land Title consolidation, Land tenure, Cadaster and spatial planning, mostly related to rural and agricultural development

EU Development Cooperation in the context of IPA (Instrument for Pre-accession to EU) exist more than 10 years and deals with issues of land management and cadaster since 2005.

Our principle support in this moments aims at the ELM (effective land management) project which is implemented through a so called Delegation Agreement executed by the GiZ based on a joint funding scheme of almost 4 m Euro. (Joint funding means the Federal Republic of Germany, MAEP and the EU together finance this project together)

This LANDNET exchange mechanism is linked to the FARLAND approach from 2005-2007 (co –financed by ERDP) and the lessons learnt out of this included the substantial networking on land development, spatial planning, land management which essentially influenced the European Integration process.

In Serbia Agriculture contributes with more than 10% to Serbia's GDP. This underlines the importance of an effective use of land, as the main resource of Agriculture and rural development.

MAEP has brought the conference to Serbia, which will strengthen SERBIAs role in the LANDNET movement and shows the commitment of Serbia on Land Development aspects.

We are very happy, that the ELM project supports the organization of this conference.

The Exchange of experiences on land development and land management will further facilitate the European networks of experts in this field.

We would like to express our appreciation for the good cooperation between all involved institutions which will make this conference a success.

Thank you very much.