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## Session 3: Land consolidation and EU rural development policies - an overview

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## Overview

- Main features of new program
  - EAFRD
  - IPA
- Land consolidation and EAFRD
- Land consolidation and IPA
- Conclusions




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## Potential support for land consolidation

- **Under revision**
- **Preliminary analysis**
- **Expected 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter**



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EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT - EAFRD	
2007 - 2013	2014 - 2020
<p><b>Four Axis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Axis 1: Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector</li> <li>➤ Axis 2: Improving the environment and the countryside</li> <li>➤ Axis 3: Improving quality of the life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy</li> <li>➤ Axis 4: Leader + and community initiative for rural development</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005</i></p>	<p><b>Six priorities for rural development in accordance with the relevant Thematic Objectives of the Common Strategic Framework 2014 - 2020:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry, and rural areas</li> <li>➤ enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of all types of agriculture in all regions and promoting innovative farm technologies and the sustainable management of forests</li> <li>➤ promoting food chain organizations, processing and marketing of agricultural products, animal welfare and risk management in agriculture</li> <li>➤ restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry</li> <li>➤ promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors</li> <li>➤ promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013</i></p>

     	
INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE - IPA	
2007 - 2013	2014 - 2020
<p><b>Five Components:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. transition assistance &amp; institution building</li> <li>2. cross-border cooperation</li> <li>3. regional development</li> <li>4. human resources development</li> <li>5. <b>rural development (IPARD)</b></li> </ol> <p>Components 3-5 for candidate countries only, e.g. for component 5 IPARD implementing structures obligatory</p> <p>Source: Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA); Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing and instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA)</p>	<p><b>Flexible approach &amp; five policy areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ transition process and capacity building</li> <li>➤ regional development</li> <li>➤ employment, social policies and human resources development</li> <li>➤ <b>agriculture and rural development</b></li> <li>➤ regional and territorial cooperation</li> </ul> <p>Source: Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA II); Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014</p>

     	
INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE - IPA	
Correlations to other Funds 2014 - 2020	
<p><b>Four policy areas with relation to other EU structural and cohesion funds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ regional development</li> <li>➤ employment, social policies and human resources development</li> <li>➤ <b>agriculture and rural development</b></li> <li>➤ regional and territorial cooperation</li> </ul> <p>Source: Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA II); Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014</p>	<p><b>Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 stipulates that these four policy areas may include financing of the type of actions under:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>EAFRD</b></li> <li>➤ European Social Fund</li> <li>➤ European Cohesion Fund</li> <li>➤ Regulation for support from European Regional Development Fund</li> <li>➤ Regulation on European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning Investment for growth and jobs goal</li> </ul>

     	
IPARD	
2007 - 2013	2014 - 2020
<p>Three main Axis for rural development:</p> <p>Axis 1: Improving market efficiency and implementation of EU standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ investments in agricultural holdings to restructure and upgrade to the EU standards;</li> <li>➤ investments in processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products;</li> <li>➤ support the setting up of producer groups.</li> </ul> <p>Axis 2: Preparatory actions for implementation of the agri-environmental measures and Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ preparation for implementation of actions related to environment and the countryside;</li> <li>➤ preparation and implementation of local development strategies.</li> </ul> <p>Axis 3: Development of the rural economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ improvement and development of rural infrastructure;</li> <li>➤ development and diversification of rural economic activities;</li> <li>➤ training;</li> <li>➤ technical assistance</li> </ul> <p>Source: Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007; Article 12</p>	<p>Rural Development Programmes:</p> <p>"...shall be implemented by the IPA II beneficiaries on the basis of indirect management in accordance with Article 58 (1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and shall finance selected types of actions as provided for under the Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ..." (EAFRD)</p> <p>Source: Commission Implementing Regulation EU No 447/2014 of 2 May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA II); article 55, para 2)</p>

     	
Land Consolidation and EAFRD II	
Direct and indirect contribution	
<p>Rural development measures to support direct land consolidation (direct contribution)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is no direct contributions for improving and developing infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agricultural and forestry.</li> </ul> <p>Rural development measures in support of land consolidation (indirect contribution)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services (Article 15)</li> <li>➤ Farm and business development (Article 19)</li> <li>➤ Basic services and village renewal in rural areas (Article 20)</li> <li>➤ Cooperation (Article 35)</li> </ul> <p>Source: REGULATION (EU) NO 1305/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005</p>	<p>Rural development measures that create necessary conditions for implementing land consolidation, e.g. institution building, planning, training, etc. (indirect contribution)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Leader (Article 42 - 44)</li> <li>➤ Knowledge transfer and information action (Article 14)</li> <li>➤ Setting-up of producers group and organizations (Article 27)</li> <li>➤ Leader (Article 43)</li> <li>➤ European Innovation Partnership Network (Article 53) and National rural network (Article 54)</li> <li>➤ European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (Article 55)</li> <li>➤ Operational groups (Article 56)</li> </ul>



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### Land Consolidation and EAFRD II

#### Direct and indirect incentive

<p><b>Rural development measures that increase the value of consolidated land (direct incentive)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Investments (construction, acquisition, leasing, improvement of immovable property, new machinery, irrigation, etc.) - (Article 45, Article 46)</li> <li>➤ Investments in physical assets (Article 17)</li> <li>➤ Investments in forest area development and improvement of viability of forests (Article 21)</li> <li>➤ Afforestation and creation of woodland (Article 22)</li> <li>➤ Establishment of agroforestry systems (Article 23)</li> <li>➤ Investments improving resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems (Article 25)</li> <li>➤ Investments in forestry technologies and in processing in mobilizing and in the marketing of forest products (Article 26)</li> <li>➤ Organic farming (Article 29)</li> <li>➤ Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments (Article 30)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Risk management (Article 36)</li> <li>➤ Mutual funds for animal and plant diseases and environmental incidents (Article 38)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rural development measures that benefit from land consolidation through release of scarce resources, e.g. land and labour (indirect incentive)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions (Article 18)</li> <li>➤ Prevention and restoration of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events (Article 24)</li> <li>➤ Agri-environment-climate (Article 28)</li> <li>➤ Payments to areas facing natural and other specific constraints (Article 31 - 32)</li> <li>➤ Income stabilization tool (Article 39)</li> </ul>
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### Land Consolidation and IPA - IPARD

According to article 55, para 2 of Regulation EU No 447/2014, rural development programs "...shall be implemented ... and shall finance **selected types of actions** as provided for under the Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 ... (EAFRD)", hence no direct reference is made to specific measures

However, the Commission elaborated, based on the experience of IPARD I, a proposed set of measures, of which the country can select and negotiate the implementation details with the commission (framework agreement), i.e. IPARD II will be a continuation of IPA I - Component 5 types of programs

Further analysis of the proposed measures is underway, but the it is expected that the same interpretation as for IPARD I can be made, see next slide from previous program

#### Proposed IPARD II measures

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings</li> <li>2. Support for the setting up of producer groups</li> <li>3. Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products</li> <li>4. Agri-environment- climate and organic farming measure</li> <li>5. Implementation of local development strategies - LEADER approach</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Investments in rural public infrastructure</li> <li>7. Farm diversification and business development</li> <li>8. Improvement of training</li> <li>9. Technical assistance</li> <li>10. Advisory services (new)</li> <li>11. Establishment and protection of forests (new)</li> </ol>
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Land Consolidation and IPA - IPARD - example IPARD I	
Indirect contribution	Direct and indirect incentive
<p>IPARD; Improvement and development of rural infrastructure (Axis 3; Article 179)</p> <p>IPARD; Preparation and implementation of local rural development strategies, LEADER (Axis 2; Article 178)</p> <p>IPARD; Improvement of training (Axis 3; Article 181)</p> <p>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))</p> <p>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))</p>	<p><u>direct incentive</u></p> <p>IPARD; Preparation for implementation of actions relating to environment and the countryside (Axis 2; Article 177)</p> <p>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))</p> <p><u>indirect incentive</u></p> <p>IPARD; Diversification and development of rural economic activities (Axis 3; Article 180)</p>

     					
<h2 style="text-align: center;">New CAP and land consolidation</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countries are preparing their agriculture and rural development strategies and programs</li> <li>• Crucial that land consolidation is included, e.g. Albania, Macedonia, Serbia</li> <li>• Current support regime will be valid until end 2014</li> </ul>					
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## Conclusions

- No direct assistance and investment in infrastructure related to land
- Diverse range of measures to incentive directly and indirectly land consolidation
- Diverse incentives for land consolidations in order to prevent damages by natural and catastrophic disasters and climate change
- Measures and programs have to be seen in close relation with the capacity for absorption of the funds by each Member State and candidate and potential candidate countries
- Knowledge and innovation oriented measures
- Measures to incentive cooperation at all levels, national and cross-border cooperation
- Introduction of new forms for fostering cross-border cooperation
- Close correlation between EAFRD and IPA II with the Structural and Cohesion Funds of the European Union

Thank you for your attention

Questions