



Session 8:
Feedback , Wrap Up and Next Steps:
Messages for
LANDNET and Serbia

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Land Consolidation

- Examples from Latvia, Macedonia, Bulgaria and Serbia
- Main topics:
 - Similar problems in different contexts
 - Awareness and setting the priorities in the gov't
 - Integration / Strategy and Vision in the context of RD
 - Chicken & Egg Problem: Pilots & Legal Framework
 - What means “Voluntary”?
 - land consolidation can improve the lease market



Funding of LC

- New context in the EU programs 2014-2020
- Combination with Infrastructure Projects
- Using Rural Development Funds (e.g. Lithuania)
- Serbian case: Government Funding from Land Lease Revenues



Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land

1. Screening

- national implementation starts with screening the current situation
- take already existing evaluation tools (Land Governance Assessment Framework, LGAF).

2. Refine the selection of indicators, distinguish between globally applicable and country-specific indicators

Implementation of the VGGTs (con't)

3. Capacity building

- in ministries – appoint personal dedicated to VGGT implementation
- at all levels – inform people about the practical implications of the VGGT, i.e. how they can be used to initiate the necessary changes in legislation and the institutional framework.

4. Awareness raising for the VGGT implementation

- international workshops are being organized by FAO
- FAO e-learning session on monitoring the VGGT (applying LGAF) on 2nd July 2014
- national workshops, awareness raising activities – on request with FAO technical support (contact FAO REU)
- awareness raising should also be done on regional and/or municipal level within countries

5. Funding

- Donor countries and organisations are committed to support VGGT implementation, and for the application of LGAF

Abandonment of Land (AL)

- Distinguish between “causes” and “triggers”
- Complementary approaches may help

Serbian Example: Correlations

- Abandoned land tends to be higher the smaller the farm and the smaller the settlement, exception: mobile population
- Higher birth rates and better public services means less abandoned land.
- the unfavorable land structure is the biggest obstacle.
- The question of inter generational transfer is critical to success in countering land abandonment

Abandonment of Land (AL) using GIS

- Definition must be clear, what AL is
- Using GIS/RS only uncultivated land can be identified (additional local knowledge)
- Two models (RS based, orthophoto/local)
- identification measures, indicators, parameters
- administrative procedures and arrangements

Integrated Voluntary Land Consolidation

- Definition: What is Voluntary Land Consolidation
- Different models in different contexts
- Infrastructure work at the same time in compulsory LC may provide synergies, as opposed to voluntary LC
- Legal framework is also necessary for voluntary LC
- Voluntary and compulsory LC share the same principles of transparency, accountability, participation and mediation

Learning from Landnet Experiences

- Network of practitioners exchanging experiences of land management in the region
- Good cases from abroad to show to politicians and relevant institutions
- Only politicians will be active if there urgency from the people, bottom up instead of top down