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Research into Land Consolidation Practices

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Land consolidation: reallocation, shaping and enlarging of parcels in order to reduce land fragmentation, enlarge farms and improve accessibility

Most of the time to improve agriculture infrastructure in rural areas: roads, drainage, irrigation, farms.

But also to support/improve other functions: nature, recreation, transportation, rail, room for rivers, hydro-electric dams
Ruilverkaveling
DER
BALLUMERMIEDEN OP AMELAND.
Oude Perceelsindeeling

>3650 parcels, 190 ha, 119 farmers
Ruilverkaveling
der
BALLUMERMIEDEN OP AMELAND.
Nieuwe Perceelsindeeling

235 parcels
Project outline

- **Time frame**: July 2017- December 2018
- **Overall coordination**: WPLA/UNECE
- **Prime partners**: WPLA, Techn Uni Munich, FAO
- **Other parties**: Kadaster, LANDNET
- **Task group members**: WPLA bureau
  - Rik Wouters (coordinator)
  - Fredrik Zetterquist
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COST Action proposal – focus on land policy instruments in Europe

WPLA project – focus on LC in Europe/CEE

FAO – Legal study LC in Europe

WPLA – Best practices LC in Europe

TUM – Scientific study on LC in Europe
3 research Blocks

- **Scientific study**
  - Lead Technical University Munich: Prof Walter de Vries
  - Research into instruments and tooling in LC

- **Case study Legal framework** Lead by FAO
  - Lead by FAO: Morten Hartvigsen
  - Case study to achieve a generic legal framework for LC

- **Case study best practices**
  - Lead by WPLA: Rik Wouters
  - Case study into best practices, success factors, conditions in LC
Scientific study

Main research activities

- Make a comparative and constructive inventory of current and emerging practices, applications, institutional arrangements and opportunities of land consolidation and land readjustment in UNECE countries;
- Compare existing technical, participatory and policy development methods, instruments and tools of land consolidation and land readjustment in UNECE countries;
- Development concept for poly-rational and transdisciplinary land consolidation;
- Research into the use and developments of software to support land consolidation.
Study on best practices

This study includes
- the carrying out of case studies in land consolidation in various countries
- to find out what are the obstacles, success factors, lessons learned
- to find out what contribution land consolidation played in the development of the countries

Optional:
- Guidelines will be distillated based on lessons learned, best practices, critical success factor and prime condition to implement successful projects.

NB: Lot of case study materials are already available. Relevant research papers will be collected and used in the study.
NB: Use questionnaire to gather information
Study legal framework

Objectives of planned FAO regional study on land consolidation legislation

- Initial FAO contribution to planned WPLA study on land consolidation under MoU between UNECE and FAO.
- Identify regional best practice on land consolidation legislation to be used in technical assistance projects in the member countries.
- Prepare generic land consolidation law based on regional best practice.
- Prepare FAO legal publication on land consolidation legislation in cooperation with FAO Legal Department.
What’s in it for UNECE member countries?

- Report on comparative study on best practices LC
- Report on instruments and tooling LC
- Report on legal framework in LC
- We need your input and cooperation!

NB Special WPLA/FAO workshop in Skopje June 2018
Thank you for your attention!

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