# Management of Regional Development with Emphasis on Spatial Elements Examples of Good Practise from Member States of the European Union



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## land consolidation

- § implementation of regional plans
- § improvement of the structure of farms
- § consolidation of fragmented parcels
- § better cost benefit ratio for farmers
- § consolidation in a co-ordinated way

## land consolidation

- § to serve a broader scope of sustainable development (environmental aspects)
- § increasing claims for public purposes on agricultural lands
- § in the EU area: new policies on the control of production, animal disease and environment
- § growing awareness of animal welfare
- § in the non-EU area: restitution of land to former private owners
- § in general: less political priority for agricultural matters, in favour of other economic sectors like industry, logistics, and services

#### land consolidation: characteristics

- § decision making processes
- § re-allocation of rights
- § agricultural engineering works
- § portion of state land
- § system of financing
- § project based organisation



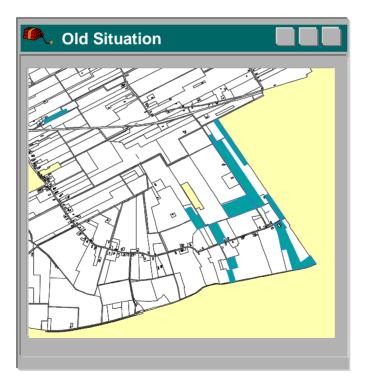


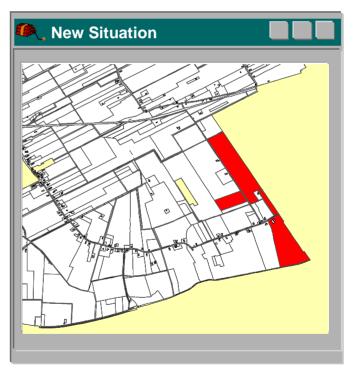
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#### Re-allocation of lands:

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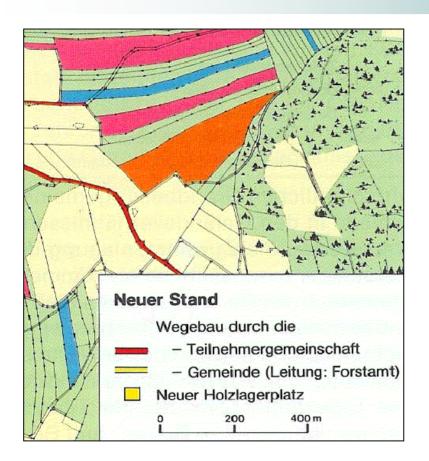
nGoverned by Law





Implementation Regional Plans	1. By Agreement (voluntary)	2. Land Consoli- dation	3. Re-development	
<u>Initiative</u>	-All owners	-Owners and users -Public entity	Govern-ment: national or regional	
Preparation	-Farmers, evt. supported by experts	-Representatives diff. interests from region	-Organisations -Public entities	
Decision	Full agreement	Democracy: voting	Government	
Inventory	-All rights and all wishes -Much personal attention	-Public inspections -Making objections	-Public inspections; -Making objections	
Re-allotment	Continuous process of re-allocation based on agreements between farmers	-On voluntary base; land purchase can be (by exception) based on expropriation	-If posible on voluntary base; -If not expropriation (by exception)	
Financial Arrangement	-Fin arrangements between the exchanging farmers, fiscal benefits	-Compensation in case of expropiation; -List of fin.arrange-ments	-Compensation in case of expropiation; -List of fin.arrange-ments	

# OBJECTIVES OF LAND CONSOLIDATION



# Objectives set by the landowners:

- common objectives
- personal objectives.

# Objectives set by society:

- state objectives
- provincial objectives
- municipal objectives.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF LAND CONSOLIDATION**

- agriculture and forestry
- -other industries
- -housing/living environment
- -other land use needs

# Objectives set by other interested parties:

- tenants
- -easement and usufruct holders
- encumbrancers
- etc.

# Objectives set by other interest groups:

- village residents
- nature and environmental protection organisations
- consultants
- contractors
- etc.

#### Preparation of the Land Consolidation Project

#### LAND CONSOLI DATI ON PROCEDURE

Decission making



Improvement (Reconstruction) of Public Facilities



**Reallocation Process:** 

Inventory of Rights ("old situation")

Reallocation Plan

Approval and Establishment of Reallocation Plan ("new situation")

Financial Arragements

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Implementation

# products, outputs

- § new infrastructure: roads, water (macro, micro)
- § area's for towndevelopment, business, industry
- § new landscape elements, new developed nature
- § official maps & listings for public inspection:
  - § rightful claimants
  - § valuation
  - § re-allocation plan
  - § deed
  - § financial arrangements
- § new cadastral situation

# information management

- § many data sources, many layers in GIS
- § there are many specific functionalities (water, soil, rightholders, etc)
- § standards (contents and structure) are necessary for data exchange
- § participatory approach
- § spatial restrictions
- § new information is created continuously
- § public inspections

#### information management

- § the existing situation changes (land market) while the new situation is under design
- § re-allocation based on individual wishes
- § check on completeness (new situation)
- § list of financial arrangements is comparison of old and new situation
- § area and value calculations
- § re-allocation of mortgage
- § servitutes
- § land owner land tenant relation
- § land acquisition
- § systematic reduction of distances

# Examples

# Germany

- § food quality is a main issue, name of ministry changed: 'ministry for consumer protection, food supply and agriculture'
- § land consolidation supports implementation of spatial planning: e.g. highroads, high speed trains
- § land consolidation has economic, (regional and local) development, agricultural and environmental goals
- § village renewal ('self supporting)' environment
- § ecological re-parcelations
- § different approaches in different Bundesländer



#### Finland: Reallotment of parcels



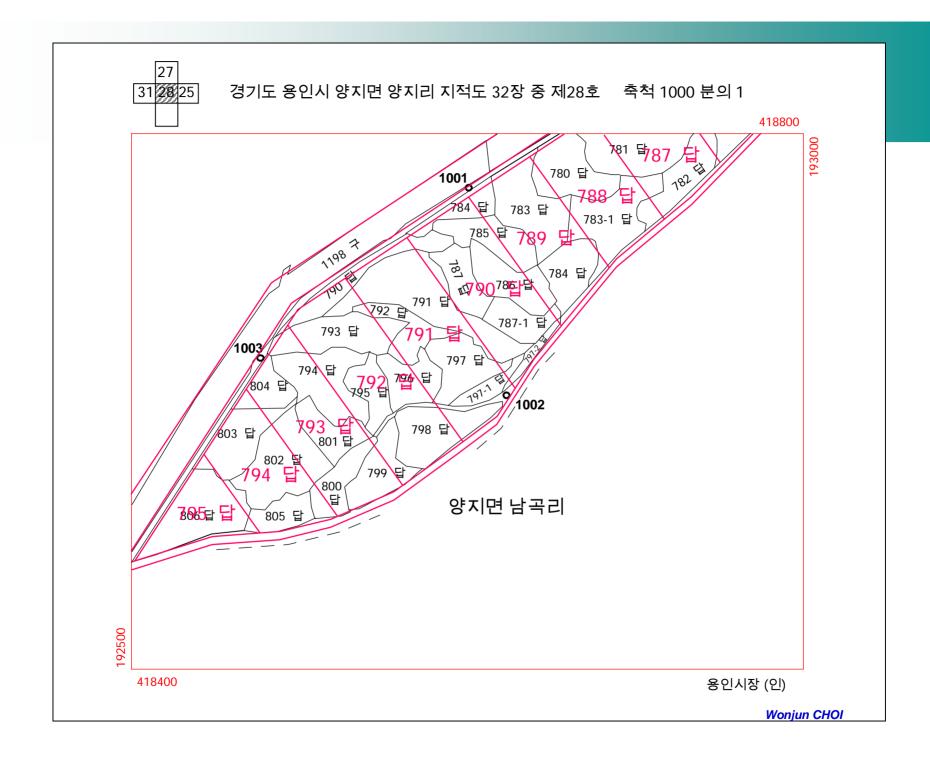
In addition to the land consolidation projects, several projects involving the reallotment of parcels are being tested.

These projects are connected with the improvement of road safety.

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- § Farmland decreased for residential use
- § Rural population rapidly decreased

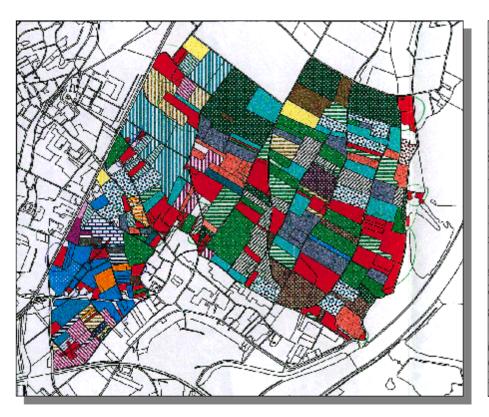
Year	2003	2000	1995	1990	1985	1980
Agricultural land (km²)	18,560	18,888	19,853	21,088	21,444	21,958
Rural Population (Million)	3.5	4	4.9	6.7	8.5	10.8

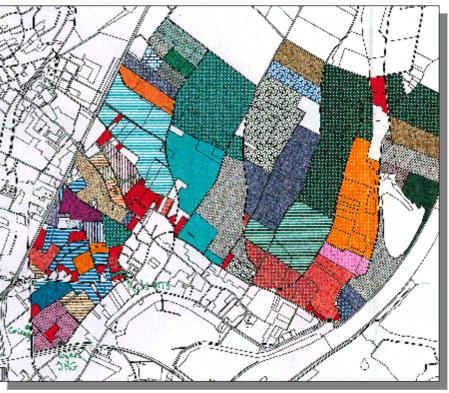


# Czech Republic

- § agreement by owners
- § procedures managed by land offices
- § measurement: private surveyors
- § agricultural goals, improvement of nature stability, water conditions
- § consolidation of fragmented parcels
- § improvement of infrastructure
- § financed mainly from state budget

# The Netherlands





Before ...

... After

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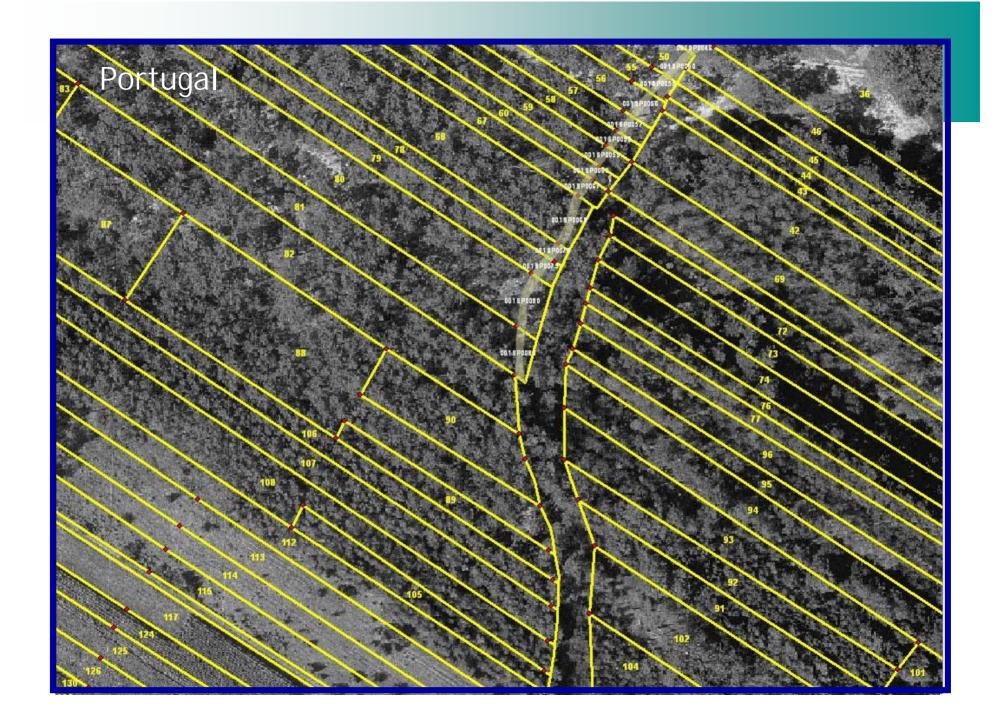
- § Exmaple: combination of:
  - § nature restoration
  - § sand mining
  - § increasement of river dynamics water storage, flood protection

# Nature Restoration Klompenerwaard





Old and . . . . new situation



#### Sweden

- § rural development is closely related to improvement of living conditions in rural areas (housing, environment, infrastructure, employment, land management)
- § land consolidation can be voluntary or compulsory ('radical')
- § influence by participants on the procedure

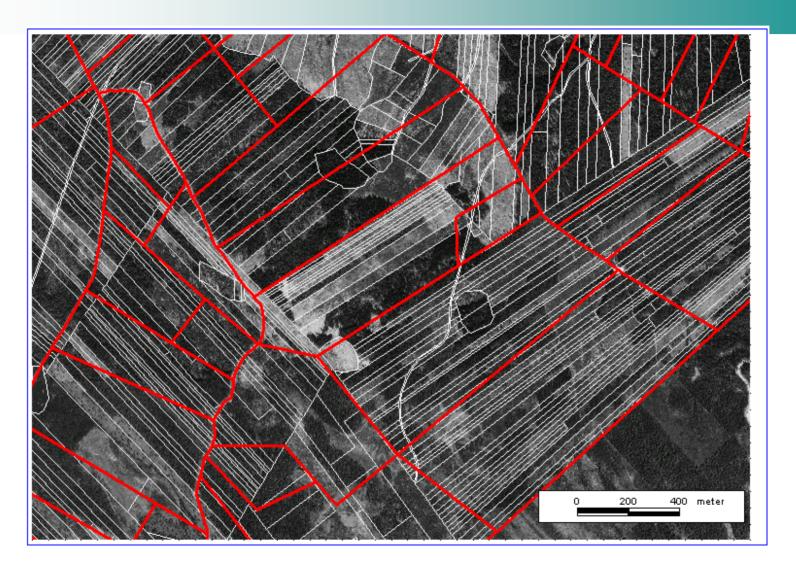
#### Sweden

- § Benefits:
- § decreased costs for authorities
- § increased activity in agriculture and forestry
- § increased tax revenues
- § documentation and securing of valuable natural and cultural environments
- § clear and secure boundaries, simple ownership conditions
- § the cadastral surveyor has the lead role.

# Fragmented forest area



#### Consolidated forest area



# Central Europe

- § priority in Central Europe should be given land banking as an instrument to be used in land consolidation
- § Land consolidation will meet a growing demand if land banking is effective
- § A number of choises has to be made connected to implementation the right instrument for land banking in combination with land consolidation.

# Europe

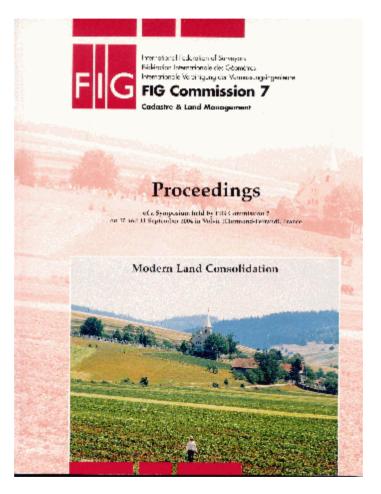
- § land consolidation in Europe is a concept far beyond and more comprehensive then agrarian parcel rearrangement with the aim of increasing plot sizes
- § land consolidation incorporates additional instruments for rural infrastructure development, market and institutional development
- § it aims ultimately at the sustainable improvement of the living and employment conditions in the rural space

#### Conclusions

- § urban-rural interrelations
- § analyse the needs of the local residents and the interest groups very carefully
- § there exist many kinds of fragmentation
- steering by the local community
- § the approach must not in the first hand be a technical one
- § the procedures must be cost effective in order to be successful
- § land banking is used in many countries and found very useful
- § in former socialist countries of Europe land consolidation as such is not enough to solve the problems of land use



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# Websites

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