Land Consolidation as a Part of Land Management System in Latvia

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- Environmental protection
- Nature conservation
- Climate change

- Funds and investments

- E-government
- E-services

- Self-governments
- Regional development
- Spatial Planning
- Land Policy
The Short History of Land Management

1990/1991
The regaining of the independence of Latvia

1992
The start of the land reform

1993
The property rights are registered in Land Book for the first time

1994
Regulation on spatial development planning

2008
The whole territory is covered by spatial development plans at municipal level

2010
Land Policy Guidelines

2013
Latvia 2030 is accepted

Draft of the Land Management Law adopted by the government
Land structure after land reform

Source: www.kadastrs.lv
The continuous trend of the reduction of agricultural land

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The comparison of the average area of agricultural land per farm

Source: Eurostat
The objectives of the development of land consolidation plans

- to reduce or eliminate shortcomings of the land reform (land fragmentation, irrational configuration, lack of access etc.)
- to facilitate the reduction of abandoned and uncultivated agricultural land
- to facilitate the creation of the property structure that promotes regional development
Spatial planning
Why LC as a part of spatial planning?

• The planning is a process of harmonizing different interests by public participation, so is LC
• Familiar procedures & reliability
• Too many different planning documents + LC plan
• Possible adjustment of normative regulation providing some extra features:
  – preemption rights,
  – priorities on land lease,
  – provisions on infrastructure etc.
The Levels of Spatial Planning

National

Territories and objects of national interests

Regional

Maritime spatial plan

Municipal/local level

Spatial Development Strategy
Development Program
Territorial Plan
  + Local plan
  + Detailed plan
  + Thematic plans
Sustainable development strategy

Development programme

Territorial plan

Local plans

Detailed plans

Thematic plans
Thematic plans

- non binding
- must be taken into consideration when developing other spatial development planning documents

- can be used
  - as a background information about the consolidation area
  - as a material to negotiate on
  - to design the desirable land structure
  - to design the desirable infrastructure – roads, engineering networks, drainage systems
  - as an appendix to contracts with landowners on implementing LC project

Detailed regulation to be elaborated in 2015/2016
Spatial Planning

Facilitating sustainable development

Land Consolidation

Property structure
Thank you for attention!

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