

An Analysis of Long-Term Experiences with Land Consolidation Projects and Programs in Europe

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SUMMARY

Land consolidation is a specific land management instrument, which has changed in goals, application, legislation, regulation and context of application over time. How and why these changes took place and what the effects of these changes were can best be learned from experienced land consolidators. This article provides an analysis of these experiences, which were captured through so-called narrative vignettes, short personal stories of experiences, opinions and perceptions. From the analysis we infer that land consolidation has adapted and reinvented itself over time, and experiences from different countries have brought more insights in the bottlenecks, limitations, opportunities and requirements for land consolidation. Despite regional differences in preferences, attitudes and opinions about whether land consolidation is an appropriate instrument, there seems to be some consensus that land consolidation projects should currently be highly pragmatically oriented, whereby one has to be very sensitive to the needs and characteristics of local contexts and stakes, and whereby one needs to be very clear on both short-term and long-term wins. From a methodological point of view we conclude that gathering experiences of senior officials through narrative vignettes is meaningful to get the better understanding of daily practices. Such experiences are highly relevant for practical work which does not only depend on how to regulate processes, but also on how to use the right instruments, regulations and human insights at which point in time and at which location.

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