



# *Land Consolidation in Central and Eastern Europe*

## *FAO Contributions*

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# *Land Fragmentation*

- Evident in CEE
- Privatisation, decollectivisation & restitution
- Old small holder patterns
  - ⇒ Small, fragmented and badly shaped parcels



## *Land Fragmentation, Samples*

-Albania; 99 % *family farms*, average farm size 1.06 ha (0.6 – 1.4), average parcel no. 3.5, 10 % over 2.1 ha, 2.2 full time farmers.

- Croatia; 84 % *family farms*, average size 2,6 ha (1,2 – 4,2), average parcel no. 4.3, 3 % over 10 ha, mainly part time.

16 % *farming businesses*, average farm size 167,9 ha, average parcel no. 13.



## *Impacts of Land Fragmentation*

- Migration – abandonment – deterioration
- Growing rural - urban inequality
- Dualism; few large, millions of micro farms
- No commercial family farming
- Not suitable for market orientation



## *Rural Development Initiatives*

- Rural development essential
- Quality of life, agriculture production, employment, infrastructure, public facilities, housing, protection of natural resources
- Comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, cross-sectoral



## *Land Consolidation to Serve Rural Development*

- Effective instrument; specifically for agricultural development
- Fewer, larger and better shaped parcels
- MNR, environmental conservation, infrastructure, services, employment opportunities, ameliorating conditions
- Western European experience relevant, but will not provide all the answers



## *FAO Involvement with Land Consolidation*

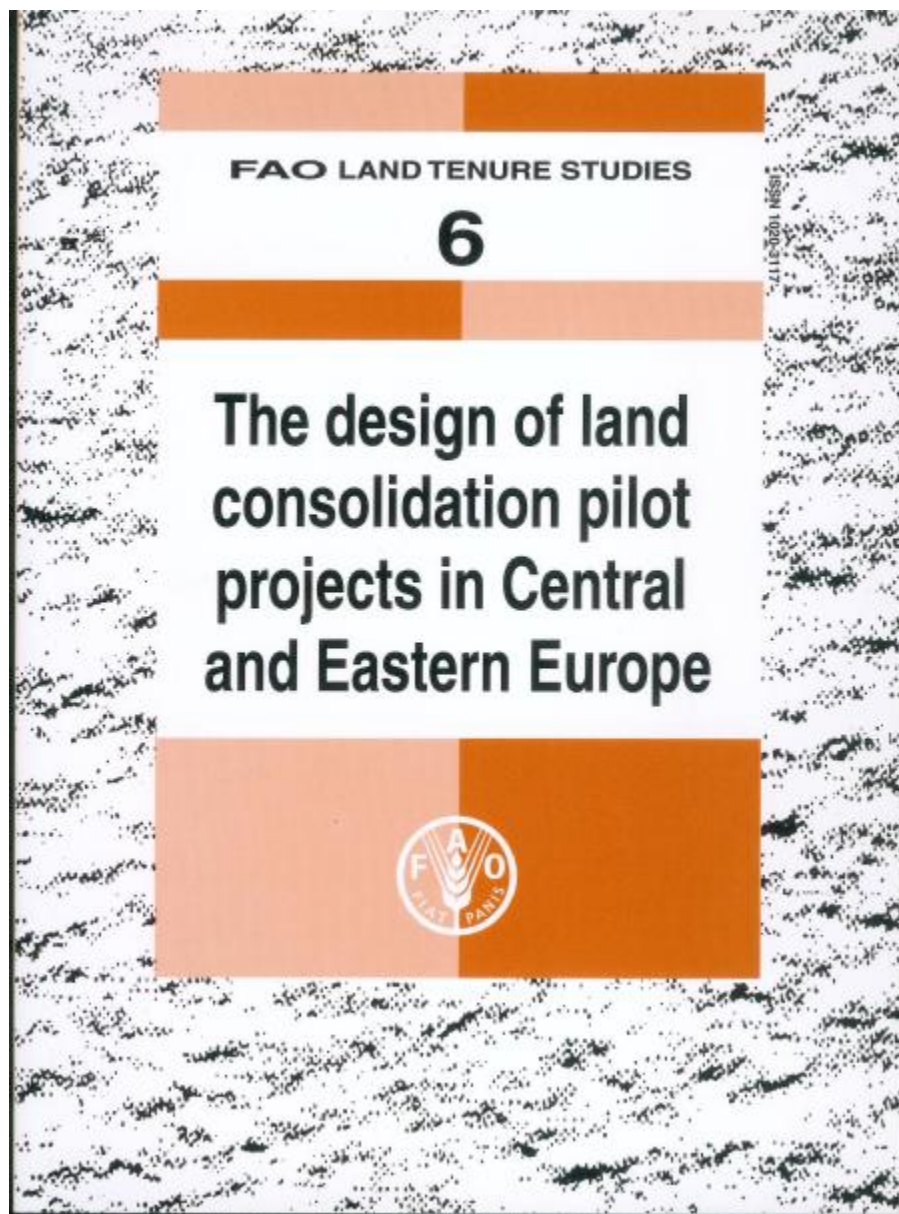
- 1950s; re-establishing agricultural production in Western Europe
- 1999 Vienna Conference; focus on CEE
- 2000-01 case studies on Armenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Georgia and Romania



## *FAO Involvement with Land Consolidation*

- FAO with partners (Che, Den, GTZ, DLG):
  - \* Munich Symposium on Land fragmentation and land consolidation 2002;
  - \* Rome workshop on the development of land consolidation guidelines in 2002;
  - \* Prague workshop on Land Consolidation, Improved Land Management and Territorial Organization in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe in 2002





## **Concevoir des projets pilotes de remembrement agricole en Europe centrale et orientale**

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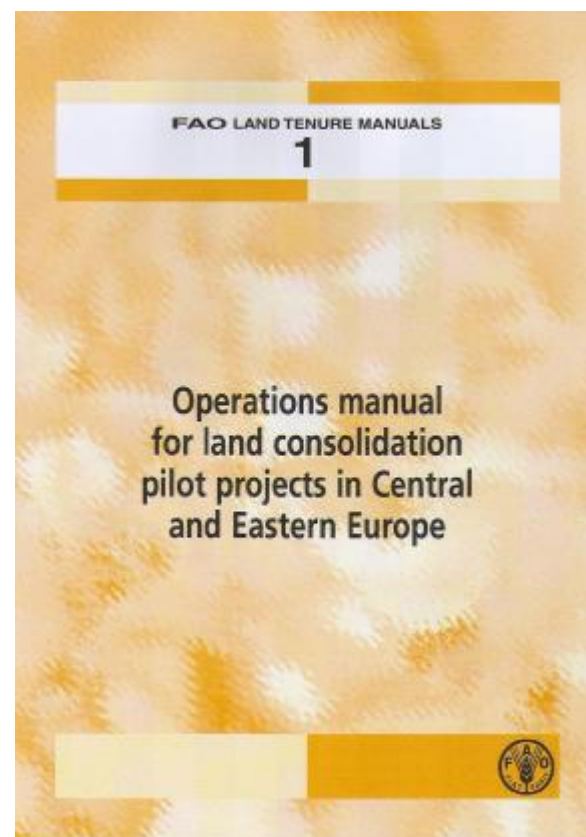
# *The Design of Land Consolidation Pilot Projects in Central and Eastern Europe*

- Guidelines on:
  - Start; Importance; Definitions; Key requirements, decisions and actions to launch a pilot project
- Many CEE countries adopted the approach (Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, and Kosovo)



# *Operations Manual for Land Consolidation Pilot Projects in Central and Eastern Europe*

- Operations manual.
- Practical advice.
- In print. Launching coming.





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