LIVING THROUGH THE LANDSCAPE

HEALTHY LANDSCAPE NEED COMMON SENSE

19TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING OF THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

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PART 01

STATE LAND OFFICE

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION AT LOCAL LEVEL
WHO WE ARE...

- Nationwide jurisdiction State Office
- **A Conceptual creator of landscaping and rural development** by the Land Consolidation
- State agricultural property administrator
- **An expert on determining soil quality parameters** and updating of Bonited soil-ecological unit
Office structure

- Headquarters in Prague
- 13 Regional Offices,
- 64 District Offices,
- 1350 Employees
We prepare ground for the future

■ **Before:** Restitution
  Privatization
  Property management
  Land consolidation

■ **Today:** Conceptual landscaping
  Adaptation to climate changes
  Revitalization of agricultural land
  Sustainability farming
State Land Office
In society-wide context

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES:

- **Land consolidation**
- **State property management**

“BEFORE”
- Privatization and transfers of state agricultural properties
- Restitutions

“NOW”
- State land reserve
Common sense = landscape and soil sustainability

- Accent on public interest
- Long-term conceptual design activities
- Active participation of owners and farmers – citizens living in the rural area (the principle of local democracy)
- Mitigating of negative impacts of climate change
- Floods and Droughts prevention
- Conditions for protection of the environment and natural resources
Main purpose of complex land consolidation

- Implement optimal functioning of each plot or plots system
- Transfer of state strategy for landscaping into local, polyfunctional and interlinked measures
- Effectively retain water in landscape and soil, prevent flooding and soil erosion
- Finalize green infrastructure (biocentres etc)
Design and realization of complex land consolidation
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Landscaping and soil-water management examples

- Parcelling plots with new terraces and hedgerowes
- New biocoridors for retaining water and protecting flora and fauna
- Track field road with drainage
- Draining of water into polders, water reservoirs and wetlands
Ideal resulting “appearance” of landscape
Complex land consolidation state (CLCLS)

- **August 2017**
- **73/53** number of k. ú. with unfinished/finished CLCLS in the district
- **575** total number of k. ú. in district

![Map showing the state of CLCLS in the district](image_url)

- Finished CLCLS (16.9%)
- Unfinished CLCLS (13.7%)
- Districts
- State
PART 02

IMPLEMENTATION OF EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION IN CZECH REPUBLIC

COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF STATE ADMINISTRATION
European Landscape Convention

Ministry of the Environment

State Land Office

Agriculture Regional Development

SPÚ
Coordination of activities

WHAT WE DO... MUST MAKE SENSE

- Coordination through a single entity and a common goal: a cure for powers that have been split up and partial systems

- State Land Office – logical coordinator – “on the ground” it has most of “its” people close to measures

- Harmonisation of legislative amendments at individual ministries – it’s common sense

- Models of co-operation between the government/state administration and universities and expert institutes = preparation of specialists for state administration
Preparation of new experts

STATE LAND OFFICE IS INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS AND PREPARE NEW EXPERTS FOR WORK

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH UNIVERSITIES

- Mendel University in Brno, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Palacký University Olomouc, Brno University of Technology, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University
- Modification of teaching in the area of State Land Office activities
- Support of topic for dissertations and theses
- Accent on practical training
PART 03

SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY

MOTIVATION, SIMPLIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATION, LIMITATION OF BUREAUCRACY, EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
“ONE EXAMPLE ON THE GROUND IS BETTER THAN TEN ON THE PAPER”
Parties to proceedings on land consolidation

- Land owners / users farmers
- Assembly of Representatives; local experts, old locals
- Representatives of municipalities
- Interest associations, societies
- The state administration body

“IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD, START WITH WHAT’S ON YOUR DOORSTEP.”
Implementation of European Landscape Convention locally

**WHAT LIMIT US...**

- Sanctions dominate over motivation. This “kills” natural initiative
- Bureaucracy and complicated administration even where it would work more simply and with common sense
- One-size-fits-all approach to a different local water management and agro-ecological “needs”
- Lack of knowledge and trust in land consolidation process: small educational activities in the regions
MOTTO FOR FUTURE?

LET’S LOOK AT THINGS AGAIN
AND LET’S SEARCH FOR SIMPLE
SOLUTIONS IN TIMELESS CONTEXTS!

THANK YOU!