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Challenges in East German States

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The situation in the East German States is comparable to that in many CEECs. Problems with disordered ownership as a consequence of the socialistic large area farming without consideration of property hinder the process of privatisation and necessary investments in agriculture and as well in general. Linked to investments missing opportunities of work lead to a migration from rural to urban areas, which brings problems both in the rural regions and the cities.

First experiences of finished measurements of Rural Land Consolidation lead to the conclusion that the tasks facing the administration need to be done as soon and as quick as possible. Here the support of private companies is very valuable. Additional the standard of technical (cadastral) work has to be lowered to the minimum to keep an adequate proportion between costs and land value. The measurements should integrate as many tasks as possible. Strengthen the rural area is not only strengthening the agricultural sector but also the solution of land use conflicts, encouragement of ecological projects, support of non-agricultural investments and increase the attractiveness of rural living.