Systematic Registration in Romania a New Opportunity for Land Consolidation

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SUMMARY
The objective of this paper is to reintroduce the possibility for land consolidation during a systematic registration project in Romania. From 2015 systematic registration of land in Romania is part of the National Program for Cadaster. The development of the new legal framework combined with European funding for Cadaster will give the possibility of many administrative units to start a systematic registration project. It is expected that in 2014-2020 hundreds of administrative units (out of 2948) will apply for and initiate a systematic registration of land. Based on lessons learnt from systematic registration pilot project supported by the World Bank in 2012 the authors will describe and analyze the opportunity to integrate land consolidation into a systematic registration project. The analysis of opportunities for integration will be made based on the principle of “fit for purpose”. Improvement to cadastral law and technical specifications for allowing conveyance and registrations of a group of parcels of more than two owners, technical solutions, formal and informal rights registration, capacity building, legal security, economic advantages and interest of tenants must be part of the solution. In Section 1 of this paper a brief description of the existing cadastral situation in Romania will be given. Legal situation and new development of the legal framework will be presented in Section 2. The authors will analyze the possibility to integrate land consolidation with systematic registration project. Different resolutions and results of the study will be provided in Section 3. The paper will close with conclusions and recommendations for further projects.