

POLAND

Land

- ***Policies and laws to guarantee land and water use rights and legal security of tenure***

Issues related to the purchase of agricultural property are covered by the following acts:

- Act of 11 April 2003 on the management of agricultural system (Dz. U. No 64 of 2003)
- Act of 24 March 1920 on the purchase of agricultural property by the foreigners (Dz. U. No 167 of 2004)
- Act of 19 October 1991 on managing agricultural property owned by the State Treasury (Dz. U. No 208 of 2004 as amended).

Agricultural property sale regulations applicable in Poland do not differ significantly from the legal acts applicable in other EU countries in this respect. Experience acquired by some Member States of our region also proves that lack of agricultural property sale regulations is the cause of rural area depopulation and a threat for the natural environment. Current restrictions imposed on the agricultural property sale in our country are of no concern for the majority of agricultural holdings owners in Poland (family farms). There is a constitutional guarantee that a family holding is the basis of the agricultural system in Poland,

- ***Long-term land conservation and rehabilitation programmes to arrest land degradation***

As regards land, Institute of Cultivation, Fertilization and Soil Science - National Research Institute (IUNG-PIB) undertakes research and development works over the spatial distribution of soil degradation hazards, supporting the implementation of common agricultural policy, Soil Framework Strategy in Poland and other national policy instruments aimed at soil protection. For that purposes spatial scopes of respective hazards, such as: erosion, soil consolidation and nutrient loss. Spatial analyses describing the occurrence and intensity of individual hazards are made in 1:100,000 scale, basing on the digital soil and agricultural map, using the pedotransfer functions and appropriate models. Basing on those analyses, costs relating to the implementation of soil strategy in Poland were pre-assessed.

- *National research on the local land resources system and on environmentally sound, site-specific, low-cost technologies, and provision of related extension services*

The National Research Institute of Animal Production (IŽ-PIB) has carried out and still does the research on the level of environment pollution of animal origin and on the methods of reduction of such pollution. The developed technological and feeding solutions allow to reduce the pollution level to 70%. During the implementation the biofiltration and chemical methods are developed.