

SERBIA – LAND

Government focal point(s): Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

On the basis of the Law on agricultural land MAFWM conducts measures for protection, consolidation and use of agricultural land. In this context MAFWM conducts four legal acts:

1. Legal act about granting of lease of agricultural land.
2. Provide material for calcification of sourly land.
3. Regulating usage of state land for schools and the other legally subject and land consolidation measures and building a system for irrigation and drainage.
4. Paying off testing specimen of land, and testing for result of dangerous and harmful materials in the soil.

By the Law of agricultural land opportunity for leasing of state agricultural land is given. Every fifth year is obligatory to control productivity of land with testing dangerous and harmful materials in the soil. On the basis of the same Law, local authorities have responsibility of creating annual programmes of protection, consolidation and use of state agricultural land. All programmes of protection, consolidation and use of agricultural land are authorised by MAFWM (control and approving), beside reports from agricultural stations, institutes and relevant research institutions.

Articles 5. to 14. of mentioned Law on agricultural land are legal basis for long term land conservation and rehabilitation programmes. There is no gender discrimination regarding land decision making, planning and implementation of land policy.

Measures of increasing access to land are conducted through different measures of agrarian policy (long term agricultural credits, budget subsidy for renting of agricultural land, leasing of state owned land...).

In the case of consolidation of capacity building for the Land department, main priority is project: formation and implementation of agricultural land policies according to the EU acqui and establishing agricultural land information system in Serbia (LIPS and GIS).

Regarding the effective and efficient use of land, Law of agricultural land contains provisions like: every fifth year is obligatory to control productivity, control dangerous and harmful materials etc. For this activities All this is under Ministry of Agriculture.