

LAND OWNERSHIP CONSOLIDATION IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

Land consolidation is seen today as an important instrument which facilitates the improvement of the agricultural infrastructure in general and the development of agriculture by creating a structure of exploitation in accordance with the market demands. The consolidation of land ownerships may be an effective and active land management instrument which not only addresses the problems of land fragmentation, but also, if applied sensitively, may be an instrument for delivering sustainable rural development in a wider context. The aim of this research is to investigate land consolidation as an essential tool to create sustainable rural areas in Romania.

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