

FAO/ AEIAR concept note

«A proposal towards the creation of a land observatory»



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Outline

- Global Land Observatory
- AEIAR
- A proposal towards an European Land Observatory

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Global Land Observatory



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Global Land Observatory

The Global Land Observatory is set up:

- bring together data, make visible and usable;
- document and strengthen analyses
- to provide evidence for policy

Set-up

- Hosted within FAO
- Multistakeholder-led
- Led by a secretariat, guided by a technical reference group and advised by an advisory group (all multi-stakeholder)
- Neutral data provider (no mandate to formally track/report)
- Formal and complementary data

Data and policy outcomes

- Awareness and visibility of land and land data on a global stage
- To upscale data centralisation and generation
- Data consolidation and legitimisation
- Scale up and strengthen collaboration of land data and monitoring initiatives
- Increased policy uptake and impact of land data
- Strengthening transparency and accountability

Products

- Open access database and monitoring platform;
- A one-stop-platform providing the broader land community with sets of indicators;
- Methodologies and tools for broad-based land tenure and governance monitoring;
- State of Land Tenure and Governance (SLTG) report;
- Analysis & policy guidance documents on land related topics.

Alignments

- Aligned to SDGs, VGGT and other global frameworks such as UNDROP, UNDRIP;
- Embedded in Global Land Agenda as Global Accountability framework;
- Potential custodian for CBD Global Biodiversity framework.



Who owns the world's land



Land inequality and concentration



Trends in control and shareholdings in land



Land, Gender and Youth



Land and climate/biodiversity



Land and human rights

AEIAR

Association Européenne des
Institutions d'Aménagement

European Association for Rural
Development Institutions

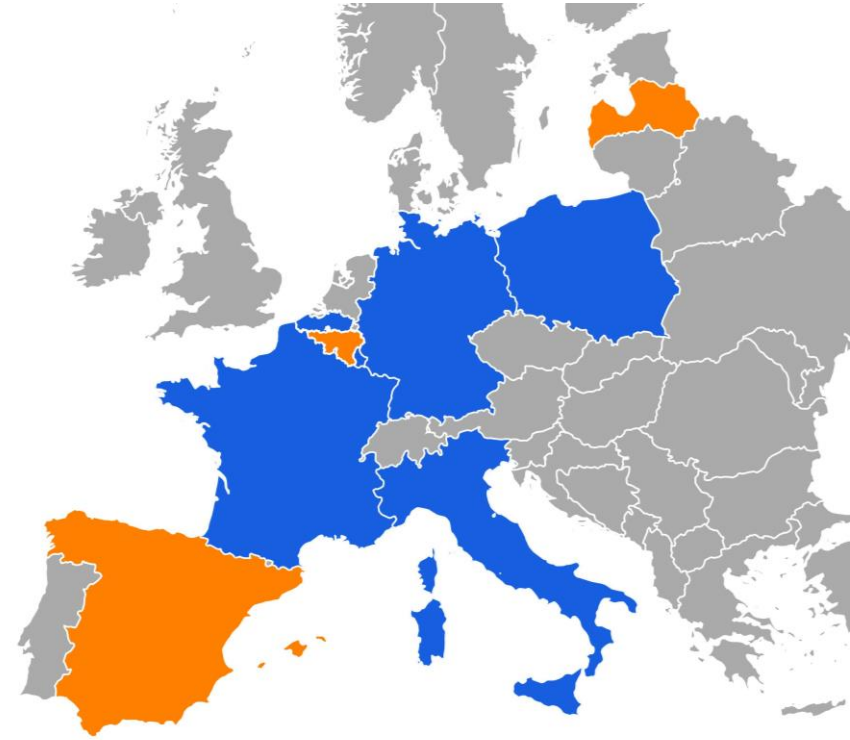
AEIAR...who we are

Funded in 1966 following the establishment of the CAP



Gathers land agencies and national/ regional ministries of agriculture from 8 members states

Areas of expertise of AEIAR members :

- *Farmland market regulation*
- *Land observation (4 members)*
- *Land banking / land exchange*
- *Management of public farmlands*
- *Land consolidation*
- *Land development*
- *Funding investments*



Members of AEIAR

-  Public land agency
-  Ministry of agriculture

AEIAR...what we do

Actions

Exchanging information and experiences between members (workshops, seminars) on the themes of rural development, farmer settlement, and the preservation and development of agricultural activity

International and bilateral cooperation with EU and non-EU stakeholders

Promoting land observation and regulation at EU institutional level, which ensures true transparency in land markets (rentals, land sales, sale of shares in companies holding land, etc.), control, and guidance toward economic projects.

A proposal towards an European Land Observatory

On-going reflection on a European land observatory

2017 : exchanges between SAFER and FAO

2018 : FNSAFER's proposal to DG Agri about the opportunity of a land observatory and proposal of common indicators at EU and national level

2021 : intervention of DG Agri during the general assembly of AEIAR about the impact of CAP on farmland issues

2023 : launching of the Global Land Observatory (GLO) by FAO in Roma

2024 : intervention of FAO during the general assembly of AEIAR

=> Setting up a European land observatory is an emerging topic

Guidelines

- Respect of the sovereignty of EU Member States (MS)
- Framework of the CFS/FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests
- Voluntary aspect: conditions for success
- Necessity to take into account the diversity of the contexts and land histories of MS and institutions
- Transparency and neutrality
- Inclusive multi-stakeholders dialogue

Objectives of the European Land Observatory

Broad approach (agriculture, rural...)

1. Monitor, document, and analyze farmland trends

=> Agrarian structures, land access modes, prices, land concentration, land grabbing, justice and conflicts

2. Support land policy and legal reforms, initiatives and instruments

⇒ Support for farmland policies at national level

⇒ Impact of land-related policies at EU level

3. Support coordination and partnership building

⇒ Coordination existing national and regional land observatories

⇒ Coordination with stakeholders

4. Promote sustainable and inclusive rural transformation, agri-food systems and natural resource management

⇒ Communication and promotion

Suggested next steps

- **Baseline survey** of existing tools and strategies at EU level, mapping present activities, initiatives, indicators...
- **Strategy development meetings** including European institutions, agencies, and directorates (DG AGRI, FISMA, Eurostat, JRC, Member States' land administrations, civil society organizations, the FAO, national research centres, AEIAR, etc.), the Rural Observatory, the European Soil Observatory
- **Feasibility study:** conduct a feasibility study for creating the European Land Observatory to evaluate the practical aspects and potential challenges of its establishment.
- **Workshops** for defining land indicators
- **Multi-stakeholder validation**
- **Roadmap definition:** including institutional setup, governance modalities, operational framework, and technical framework

Thank you for your attention



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