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Jan Spijkerboer - Chair



Jan has been involved in land acquisition, land management, lease and long-lease since 1983. His knowledge covers the legal framework of land management, land consolidation (voluntary and mandatory often combined with land acquisition) and related legislation on spatial planning. He has hands on experience with designing and negotiating of lease and sales contracts.

In his former job (Government Service for land and water management), he was responsible for land expropriation for nature reserves and outdoor recreation areas in the western part of the Netherlands.

He has grown into an all-round expert of land acquisition and sales. He is able to oversee the consequences of main national strategies to the level of concrete implementation.

He is closely involved in the development of new strategies for state and provincial agencies on the land market in the Netherlands. He has worked as Senior Advisor on Land management and Land tenure at the Dutch Kadaster since March 2017.

His international experience consists of advisory work in the context of Land Banking, land consolidation and land management (tenure and long lease).

Erik Blaabjerg



Erik has graduated as a chartered surveyor at the University of Aalborg and has worked in the Danish Ministry of Transport with compulsory acquisition of land for large infrastructure projects.

Currently he works as Special Consultant for the Land banking and Land Consolidation Division under The Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries. In his job as a land consolidation planner, he implements land consolidation projects and purchases farmland for the Danish Land Bank.

Erik has also worked as an international land consolidation and land banking consultant in different countries such as Lithuania, Serbia and Kosovo.



Andrew Cartwright



Andrew is from the UK and, since 2002, has been living in Budapest. He is Associate Professor of Public Policy at the Central European University, Vienna, where he teaches Rural Development Policy and runs the Policy Lab programme. His background is in law, and his doctoral thesis was the implementation of the 1991 Romanian land reforms. Since then, he has been fascinated by the question of land use and ownership and its critical but ambivalent role in development. He has carried out research on the land reforms in Mongolia, the land for pension schemes in Hungary, and most recently, the causes and policy implications of farmland abandonment in Serbia. He has been attending LANDNET workshops since 2010 and had the privilege to serve on the Board for two terms.

Andrew believes the network is a very valuable instrument for professional exchange and development and one that has an important role to play in bringing prosperity to rural areas that are too often neglected. The shared know-how of members, the ongoing comparison of initiatives and the increased production of publications, can ensure that, in the future, LANDNET can have a higher profile in land policy formation and the development of good practices.

Gizo Chelidze



Gizo has degrees in International Relations and Social Sciences.

He has been working at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia since 2013. He has been serving as Head of the Integrated Management Department (Land Resources, Water Resources, Air Protection and Climate Change), and as Head of Sustainable Development and EU Integration Policy Division.

Currently he is the Head of the Hydro-melioration and Land Management Department at the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and as Associate Professor at Georgian American University (GAU) and East European University (EEU).

Kiril Georgievski

Kiril works in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWE) of North Macedonia for almost 30 years. He spent 10 years as an Advisor in the Department for Registration and Management of Agricultural Land. Following that in the last 20 years, he is part of the Department for consolidation of agricultural land, land exchange and land parcel identification, i.e. since its establishment and since 2017 is the Head of the Department. Under his tenure as Head of the Department, North



Macedonia became one of the first countries in the Western Balkans to implement comprehensive land consolidation projects in line with VGGT. Kiril has extensive experience in land tenure and agriculture management and has contributed to the establishment of key national policies and reforms regarding land tenure and management of agricultural land. He has participated in numerous regional and international projects and conferences focused on land tenure and land consolidation and has been a long standing, active and valued member of LANDNET.

Fatma Gülsever



Fatma has graduated from Yıldız Technical University, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Geomatic Engineering, Turkey in 1997. She has ran her own private engineering office for two years when she made urban zoning applications and village settlement plans. She has then worked at the General Directorate of Rural Services for six years from 1999 to 2005, doing actual land consolidation and in-farm development services projects, and their survey, project, application and control works.

She started to work at the Consolidation Department of the Ankara General Directorate of Agricultural Reform in 2005 and worked as a control engineer till 2018. Since 2020 she is serving as Deputy Head of Land Consolidation and In Field of Development Services Department in General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works in Turkey.

She has been participating in the LANDNET workshops since 2013. She believes these workshops are one of the best opportunities that she have had in her life and lead to improve herself professionally in terms of land consolidation and rural area management. Furthermore, the workshops helped her to find different perspectives on finding ways for applying new information.

Evelin Jürgenson



Evelin is an Associate Professor at the Estonian University of Life Sciences at the Chair of Forestry, Land Management and Food Processing. She started to work at University in 2007. She has experience in property law and land administration issues, including land governance, land use planning, sustainable land use (including agricultural land), land-use changes, land take, land consolidation and agricultural land concentration. She has worked as an adviser on land issues at the Local Government (1995-2000), as an adviser on land administration, and as head of the Real Estate Department at the National Land Board (2000-2016). It has deepened her understanding of the respective activity in the public sector. Notably, it has given an in-depth insight into the functioning of public authorities in land administration.



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Internationally active, she has been invited to participate in several international projects (RURALIZATION, Climate change in security perception, SURFACE, Public Value Capture, Land Grabbing, Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure).

She has been a member of the LANDNET since 2008. She was the Estonian side organiser of the LANDNET Workshop "Land consolidation as an essential instrument for the implementation of large infrastructure and sustainable land use" in 2018.

Alina Sushchuk



Alina graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv in 2018 with a degree in International Law and qualified as an international lawyer and translator-referent. Since 2019 she has been working in the central office of the StateGeoCadastre. During the period of work in the International Cooperation Division she provided comprehensive coverage of the StateGeoCadastre's achievements at international level, as well as initiated and supported projects of international technical assistance to the StateGeoCadastre. Organized and coordinated activities with international partners on the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) in Ukraine.

Currently she serves as Deputy Head of the Directorate on International Cooperation.

