“Rural development in Europe – strategic approaches and implementation tools from the Alpine region strategy to land consolidation” on 28.11.2016 in the Baden-Württemberg Representation House in Brussels

11:45 hrs Start of the event
from 11:45 hrs Midday meal refreshments, partaken together
12:30 hrs Opening address by the Chair of the German Federal Working Group Sustainable Land Development
Hartmut Alker, Ministry of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection Baden-Württemberg

Looking at rural development in Europe
Martin Scheele, Head of Unit “Consistency of rural development”, DG Agri, EU Commission

Regional challenges in Europe based on the example of the Alpine Region strategy
1) Introduction of the strategy,
Dr. Frithjof Ehm, Unit “Competence Centre Macro-regions and European Territorial Co-operation - Transnational and Interregional Co-operation” GD Regio, EU Commission
2) Possibilities for implementation through rural development tools,
Prof. Dr. Anka Lisec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

14:30 hrs break with coffee and cake
15:00 hrs Panel discussion
- Moderator: Silke Franke, Hanns-Seidel-Foundation
- Participants:
  - Max Geierhos, German Federal Working Group Sustainable Land Development, Germany
  - Griet Celen, Head of Department “Land Development”, Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Belgium
  - Frosoula Christofidou, Acting Director “Land Consolidation Service”, Ministry of Interior, Cyprus
  - Jochen Dettmer, Working Circle for Agriculture, German Federation for Environment and Nature Conservation e.V.
  - Pekka Pesonen, General Secretary of the European Farmer’s Association (COPA-COGECA)
  - Martin Scheele, Head of Unit “Consistency of rural development”, DG Agri, EU Commission
  - Dr. habil. Stanislaw Sorys, Vice Marshal MaBopolska Region, Poland
  - Kiril Ivanov Stoyanov, Head of Unit “Management of State Lands”, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Bulgaria

Closing words
Hartmut Alker, Ministry of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection Baden-Württemberg

17:00 hrs End of event

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