

**“Rural development in Europa – 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. Stanisław 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

*A simultaneous translation English – German / German – English is to be conducted.*