The Potential Power of Land Funds
– A déjà vu of Dutch history in current Central Europe

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ABSTRACT

Besides all the problems frustrating Central European land markets and solutions for fragmentation, there is one important asset: Land Funds. Their potential is widely acknowledged, but details on the actual use prove to be hard to fill in. Reviewing the history of the Dutch polders, similarities are striking. This paper uncovers the valuable Dutch experience in order to be of benefit for Central Europe. It gives a comparative analysis of the Dutch experience and the Central European potential on Land Fund application. The paper stresses the importance of context-instrument relationships. Both the Dutch and the Central European case are described and the similarities and differences are analysed.

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