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Urban land readjustment as a novel approach for sustainable area development in the Netherlands

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What is (Urban) Land Readjustment?
Introduction

Formal tasks of the Dutch Cadastre and mapping Agency;

• Land administration
• Mapping and topography
• Supporting the process of land readjustment
Introduction

Claims en effect leefomgeving
- Ruimte gebruik
- Normering: milieu, geluid, gezondheid en veiligheid

Opgaven

Meerwaarde NOVI
- Visie: richtinggeven, inspirerend en kaderstellenc
- Één tafel
- Doorwerking in regio’s

Combineren waar mogelijk
Kiezen waar nodig
Introduction

- The Dutch tradition of LR is currently only put into practice in rural areas.

- Urban land readjustment (ULR) is now being elaborated in new legislation.

- In anticipation of this new legislation a national pilot program for urban land readjustment (NPULR) was implemented.

- Its objective was to draw lessons about the new instruments potential, and to promote its active use. Lessons learned from the program can be used to improve legislation.
‘Urban land readjustment is an agreement between three or more owners. The agreement is put into writing and is submitted into the public registers (of the Cadastre). The owners commit themselves to combine the properties belonging to then in the built up area, and subsequently parcel and distribute among each other the thus created ‘mass’. The agreement is finally executed by notarial deed. (art. 12.41 lid 1)’
2.5 years later..

We are still waiting for the first multi-party agreement based on ULR.
Reason #1
There is no magic formula: all projects are in some way unique
Reason # 2
Inner-city area redevelopment is complex and time-consuming
Reason #3
One or more landowners just ceased co-operation
Reason #4
A friend without benefits?
Reason #5
Trust is the decisive factor and there is no uniform trick to secure it.
Reason # 6
Mortgages are a showstopper!
Reason #7
The transition towards a new order with an active society and a facilitating government takes time and patience.
Lessons learned:
• We’ve got the basics right
• Though it is too soon to draw final conclusions on the draft legislation for ULR, observations can be made on its effectiveness.
• Perspectives and objectives differ
• Shift towards a more informal way of urban planning brings about a change in approach of professionals
Failure or slow success?
OLD WAYS WON'T OPEN NEW DOORS

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