Participatory Approach in Land Consolidation in Poland – Crowdsourcing Application Test Feedback

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SUMMARY

This paper is based upon research carried out as part of the project entitled "Activation of the local community in rural development projects" co-financed by the European Union under the Rural Development Programme for the years 2014-2020.

The aim of the study was to investigate the possibility of activating rural inhabitants and using endogenic potentials to foster local rural development by applying the crowdsourcing concept at the stage of planning for land consolidation projects. A dedicated mobile Land Consolidation-Crowdsourcing Application (LC-CApp) was created for this purpose which enabled adding detailed information about the area to a digital map which is important for future planning works. The article presents new ways of engaging in dialogue with the participants of land consolidation at the early stages of the consolidation works and the experience of testing the LC-CApp.

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