

Opportunities to mainstream land consolidation in rural development programmes of the European Union



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