

Kulturland eG, a farmers-consumers cooperative, DE

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- **Scale of activity:** regional, national, European
- **Actor/s:** cooperative, farmers, consumers
- **State of the activity:** started in 2012, ongoing
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Summary

The Kulturland eG cooperative buys organic farmland with 0% interest share capital of consumers and rents it to community connected farms on a long term basis

Description of activities

Background. The history of Kulturland eG goes back to 2012 when 15 ha of arable land in the Bodensee region, cultivated on a biodynamic basis since 1986, was about to be sold. This incident led us to seek for new models of financing and property.

Together with the [International Biodynamic Association](#) a baseline study [Liberating the fields - land markets and new forms of ownership in organic farming](#) was done in order to show and react to problems related to property and access to land.

Kulturland eG currently has acquired 90 ha of land for 10 farms. Kulturland has initially emerged from a Forum Synergies workshop and is member of the European Platform on Access to Land

Activities. The key current activities are :

- cooperating with more farms to acquire land
- acquiring more cooperative members to raise capital stock

- networking with other access to land organisations in DE in our “Netzwerk Flächensicherung” (“Network for land securement”)

Outlook

Challenges.:

- to integrate larger amounts of money without compromising our principles
- to cover our running costs without subsidies
- to do proper PR with lacking time resources

Next steps.

- to grow
- to become more professionalized
- to motivate and train members as ambassadors

Source and contact

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