

**Resume of the contribution of Mr Giovanni Razeto, ISMEA, to the round table debate,
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Leasing land – the Italian Experience

In Italy there is a long experience of leasing land started in 1948 managed by public Institution. The role of this has been changing during the decades together with the changing of the farm needs. Following the of the second world war the main item was to distribute land to agricultural labourers to create farmers, splitting the huge estate into farms. This commitment is managed by ISMEA, a public entity under the Italian Agricultural Ministry control.

Time by time the item changing until now where the main issues are:

- 1) Helping the new generations to become farmers;
- 2) Maintain people in rural areas.

Of course, the intervention changing in compliance with the CAP regulations, therefore in the last 10 years the interventions have been focusing on youth farmers. ISMEA every year bids a tender to buy and lease farms for young people, in 2018 the value of the bid is € 70 million.

Basically in Italy the average of farms is roughly ha 8.5, while the average of farms buy and lease by ISMEA is ha 37. In other words, ISMEA focused its efforts to create farms that are allowed to compete in European contest.

Italian experience says us that the Agriculture engages investments during financial crises and therefore the pricing of land following the request as other economic sectors. However, the European community should privilege changing generation helping youth to know and appreciate agriculture remaining in rural area, rather than financial speculation.