How historical background influenced size and efficiency of farms in Central and Eastern Europe
Development in agriculture had always striking effect on development of whole society
INTRODUCTION

• What is Central and Eastern Europe
• Short history of farming
• Important milestones
• Main effects
• Experience with Austro – Hungarien Empire
• Experience with soviet social experiment
BALTIC TRIPLET
NORTH BALCAN
MAIN EFFECTS

Religion
Revolution
Wars
Personal freedom
MILESTONES

- 1517 – reformation
- 1526 – battle of Mohacs
- 1760 – industrial revolution
- 1789 – Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen
- 1781 – 1785 serfdom abolishment in AHE
- 1790 – AHE possibility to pay of the oblique work
- 1792 – 1815 Napoleonic wars
- 1848 – 1849 European bourgeios revolutions
- 1914 – 1918 1st World War
- 1917 – Great October Socialistic Revolution
- 1939 – 1945 2nd World War
- 1989 – colaps of Soviet social experiment
- 1990 – 1995 civil war in Jugoslavia
INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
Good condition for agricultural development in CE between world wars

EE under Soviet control
EFFECT OF SOCIALISTIC WAY OF FARMING

- Planed economy
- Rural areas collectivization
- Increase of productivity
- Investments to production
- Large scale technology development
- Herd and field size increased
- Management problems
- No small holders officially tolerated
People have lost sense for land and private property
AFTER SOVIET SYSTEM COLAPS ...

• Colaps of market – colaps of sector
• Small holders
• Reduction of production
• Decrease of herd numbers
• Privatisation
• Restitutions
• Transition period
• Finding most suitable model
• 2004 EU
FAMILY FARM SIZE

1993 – 87 ha / family

2010 – 136 ha / family
FARM EFFICIENCY : OWNERSHIP

1. Private farmers
2. Business companies
3. Cooperatives
WHAT WE IN CEEC COUNTRIES NEED THE MOST?

- Equality
- Stability
- Social status
CONCLUSION

- It cannot be said which farm size or form of ownership is most efficient.
- Important are people, farmers who creates successful stories.
Thank you for your attention