



Public policies

Responding to the challenge of combating desertification

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Introduction

Introduction to the topic (the role of public policies in combating desertification)

Definitions (policies, combating desertification)

Purpose of the booklet

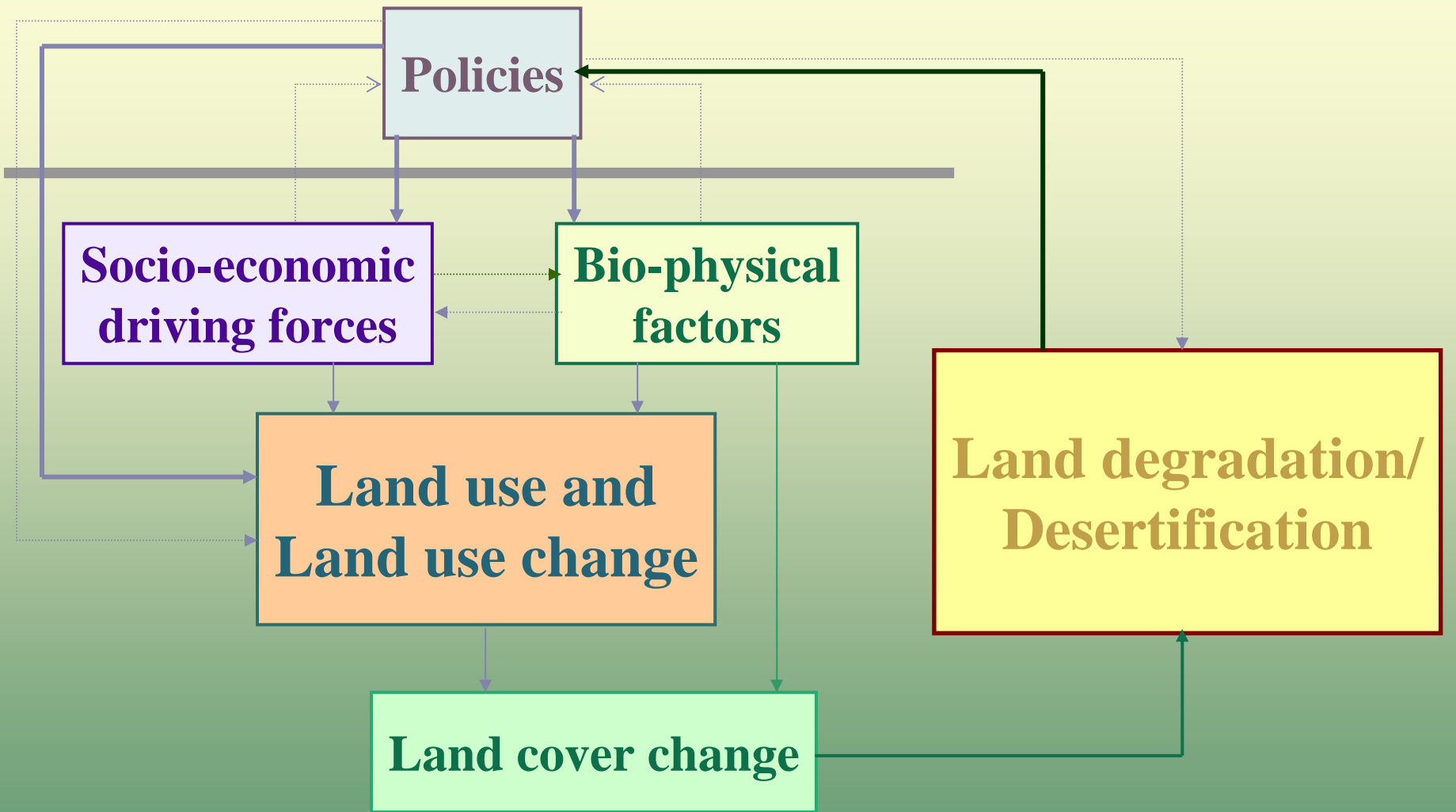
Public policies:

Among the many socio-economic determinants of desertification; important institutional forces contributing to and alleviating desertification; direct and indirect impacts on individual and collective decision making

Purpose:

Describe, clarify, explain role of public policies; raise awareness of their importance; provide recommendations for policy design at different levels








Public policies – EU and national level

**Based on past research results,
mention selected EU and national level policies that
may directly or indirectly relate to desertification**

**These will be used in the next section to provide
concrete examples**



<i>International level</i>	<i>European level</i>	<i>National level (Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece)</i>
UNCCD		National Action Programmes (NAPs)
	Economic policies	Economic policies
	Regional policies Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund	Regional (and industrial) development policies
	Transport policies CTP and the TENs (Trans-European Networks)	National transport policies
	Spatial policies ESDP (European Spatial Development Perspective)	National spatial planning systems and policies
Agenda 21		Local development policies Local Agenda 21 Plans
	Tourism policy	National tourism policies
	Social policies	Social policies
	Horizontal environmental policy	Horizontal environmental policy
	Forest policy	Forest policy
	Rural development policies	Rural development policies
UNCCC	Water resources policies	Water resources policies
UNCBP	Biodiversity protection policies	National policies on nature and biodiversity protection
	Soil protection policies	Soil protection policies



The complexity of desertification-relevant policy making

The constituents of policies (object, actors & actor networks, goals, procedures, instruments)

How policies interact and impinge on the determinants of desertification at different levels and decision contexts (individual, collective)

How policies can contribute to the fight against desertification






Examples from different countries and policies


Briefly discuss selected EU and national policies to show how they contribute to desertification and how they can be used to combat the phenomenon

Emphasize the role of spatial policies and of spatial planning as the principal coordinating mechanisms to synthesize and integrate policies at the regional and the local level

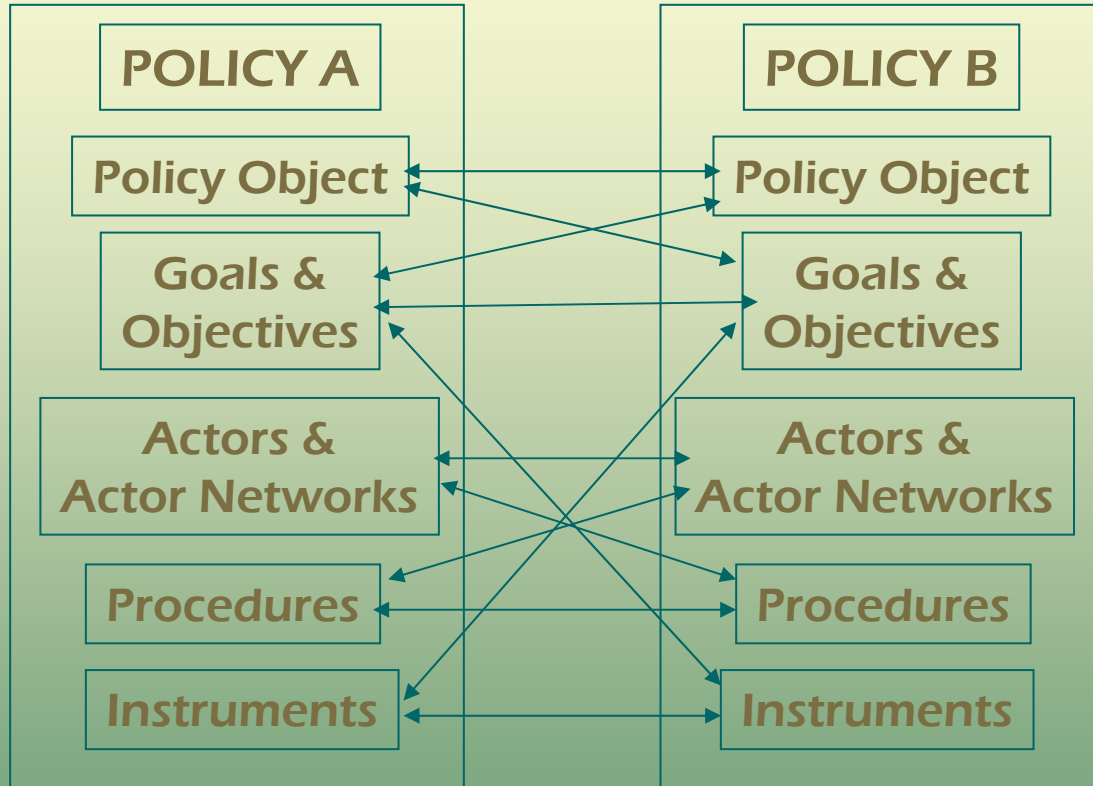




Recommendations

- Desiderata for desertification-relevant policy making (policy integration)**
 - Principles for individual policy design and for policy integration**
 - Alternative approaches to policy design at the EU and the member state level (using the policy analysis format presented before)**
 - Policy actor networks (Desertification Policy network)**
 - Policy instruments to introduce desertification concerns into public policies**
 - The role of Regional and National Action Plans to Combat Desertification**
 - Developing and implementing local action programmes**
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POLICY INTEGRATION





My concerns

Very diverse target audience as described in the DOW
Affects focus and writing style of the booklet
May turn out very generalist

Different countries imply:

Different cultures, experiences attitudes towards desertification
Different policies in effect and different responses to policies
Different political traditions
Diverse administrative structures
Different spatial planning traditions and practices





Considerations to be addressed

Desertification control should be a horizontal concern, not restricted to sensitive, affected regions only.

Especially in areas of intensive land development

**Pay attention to off-site effects
(through, e.g. exploitation of water resources and uncontrolled soil removal and transport)**

Emphasis on missing (soil) and overlooked (social, economic) policies

Central role of spatial policies

Indirect effects – raise awareness about the value of protecting land resources

Effects of public policies differ by spatial level because at each level different decision structures and determinants exist and operate



Data sources

CRIC

UNCCD site

