



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER
ECONOMY**

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

***Achieving Success in Formulating a new Law on
Agriculture and Rural Development***

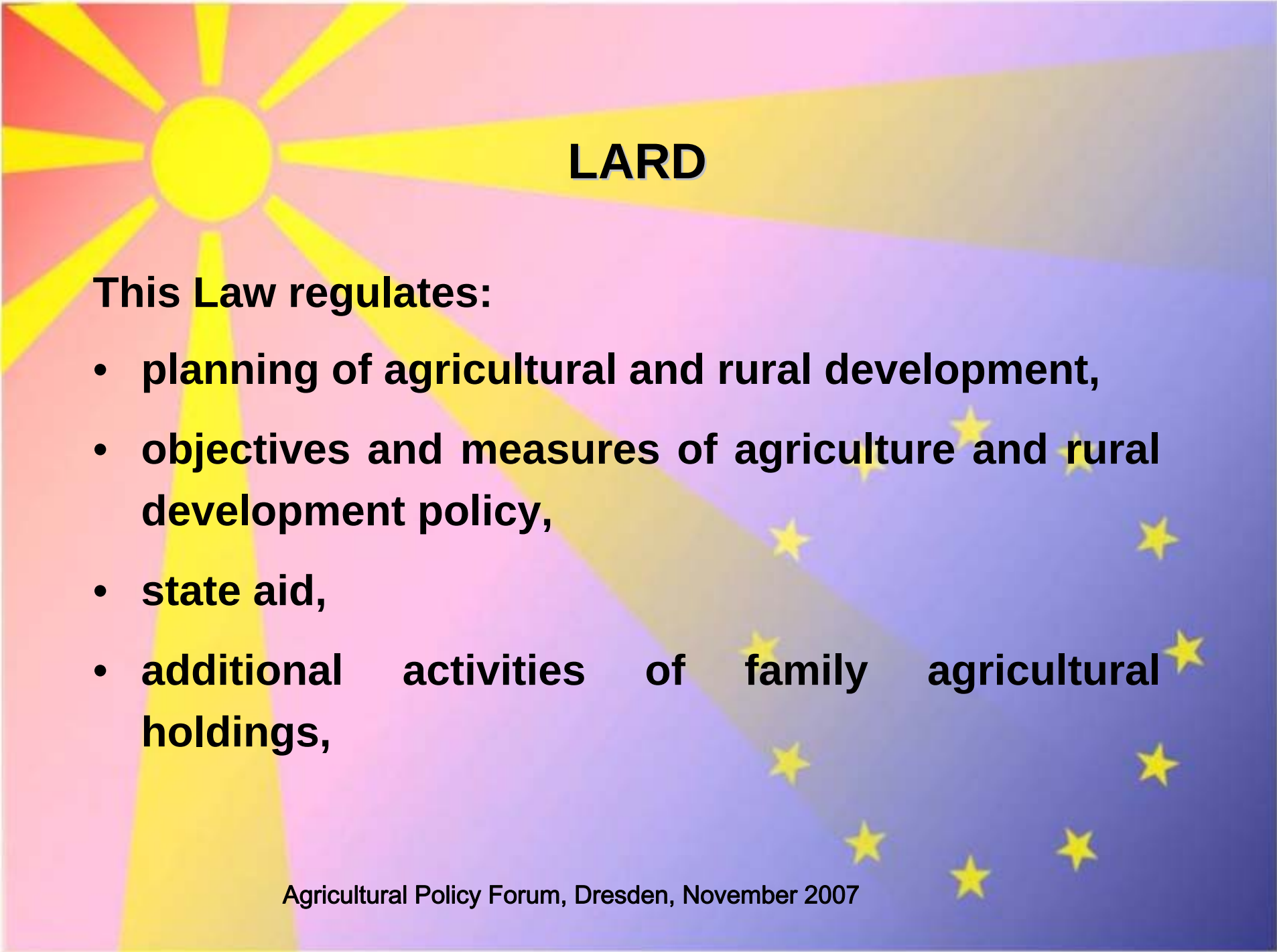
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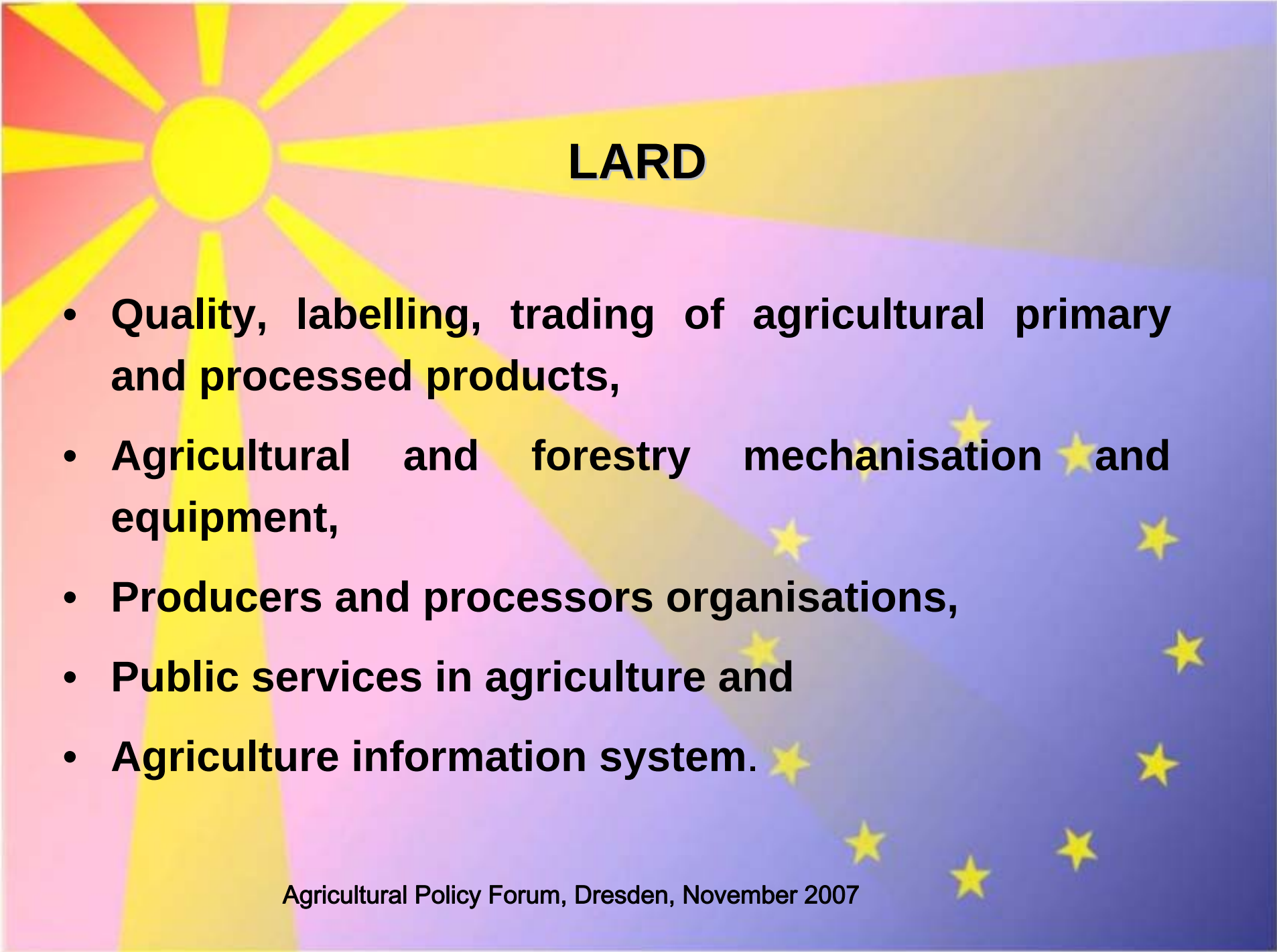
- **Macedonia is a candidate country since December 2005**
- **National Programme for Adoption of *acquis communautaire* prepared (one of the priorities was preparation of the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development - LARD)**
- **Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy was appointed as a Managing Authority for Rural Development**



LARD

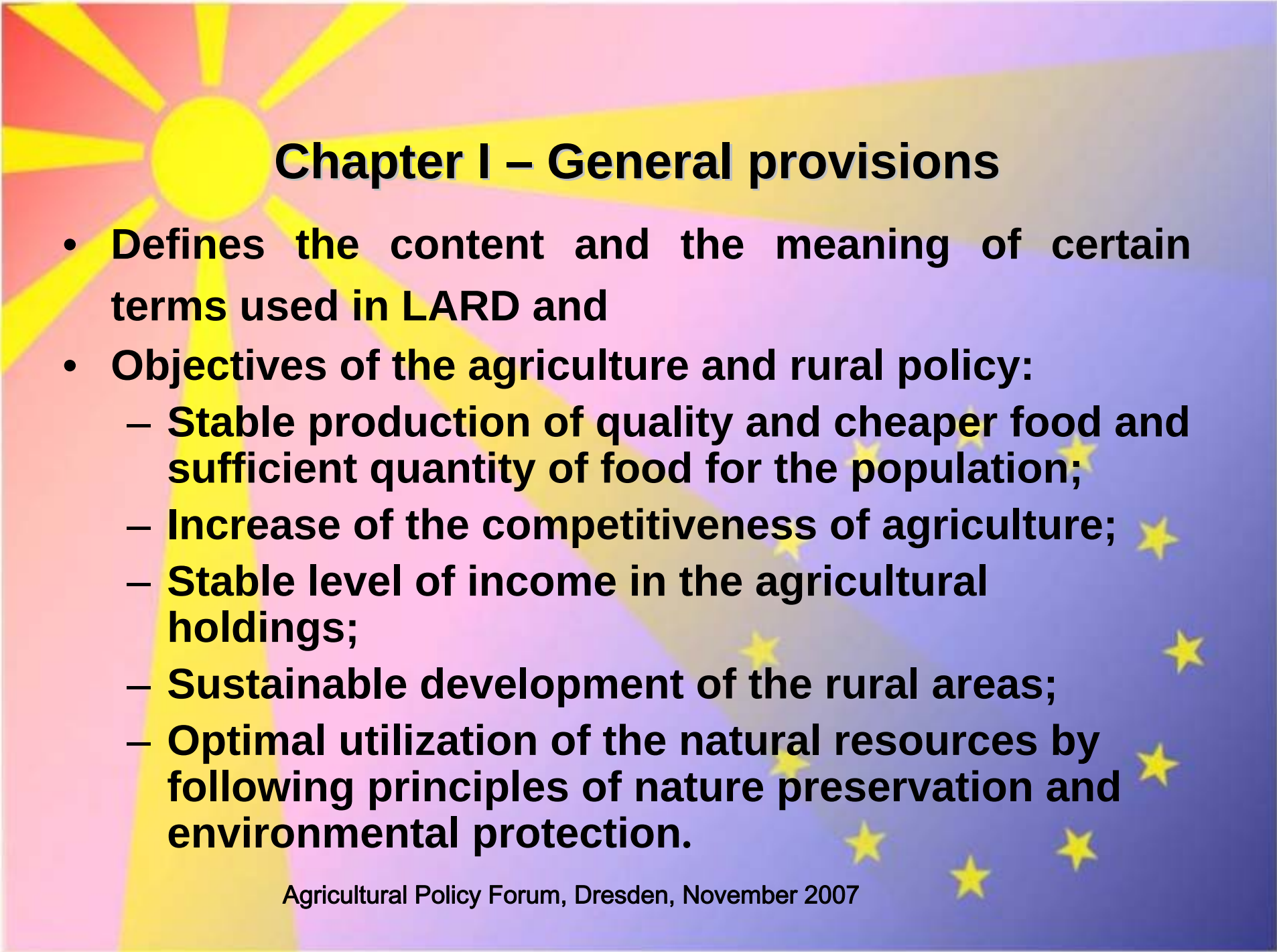
This Law regulates:

- **planning of agricultural and rural development,**
- **objectives and measures of agriculture and rural development policy,**
- **state aid,**
- **additional activities of family agricultural holdings,**



LARD

- **Quality, labelling, trading of agricultural primary and processed products,**
- **Agricultural and forestry mechanisation and equipment,**
- **Producers and processors organisations,**
- **Public services in agriculture and**
- **Agriculture information system.**



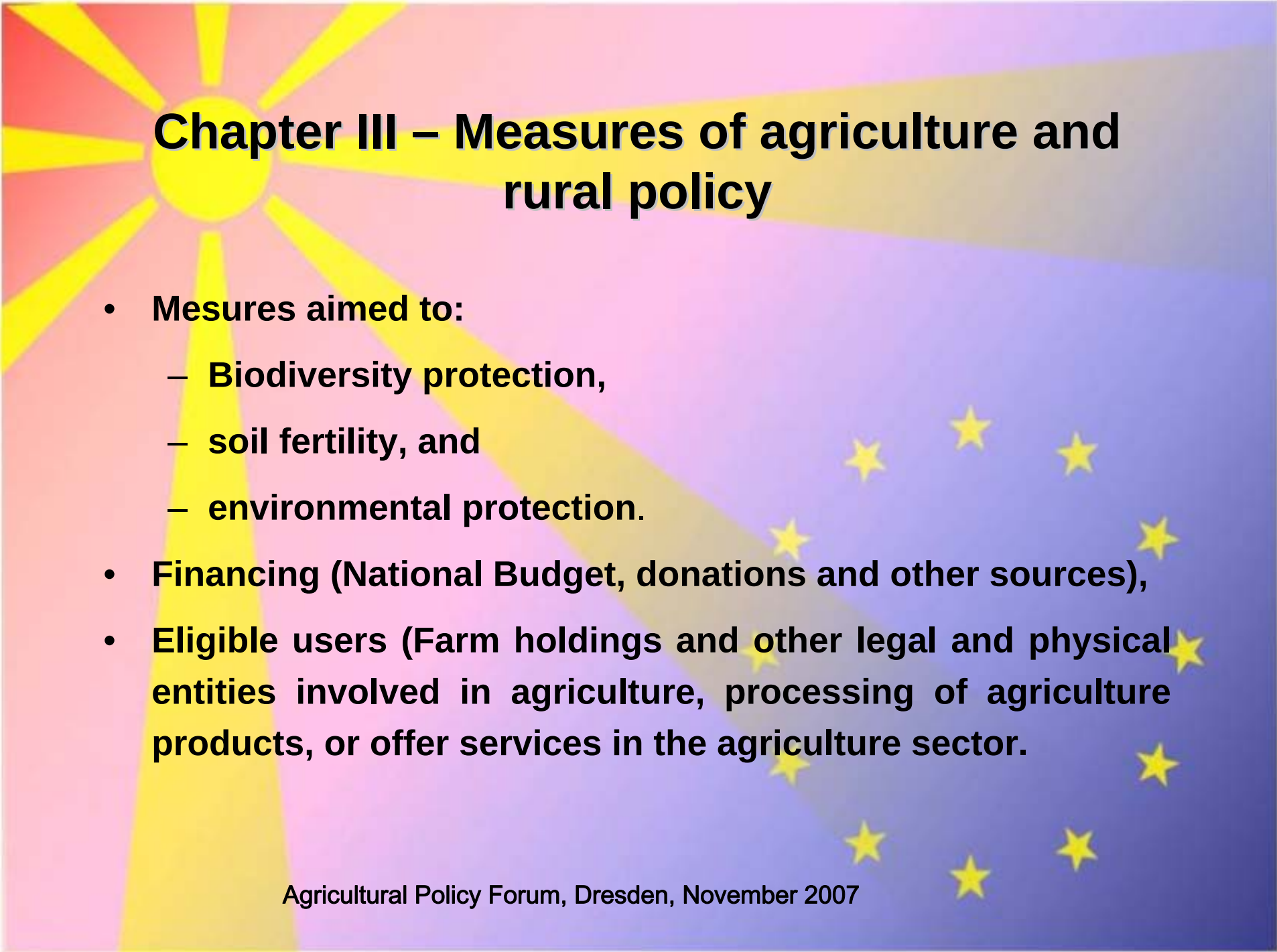
Chapter I – General provisions

- **Defines the content and the meaning of certain terms used in LARD and**
- **Objectives of the agriculture and rural policy:**
 - **Stable production of quality and cheaper food and sufficient quantity of food for the population;**
 - **Increase of the competitiveness of agriculture;**
 - **Stable level of income in the agricultural holdings;**
 - **Sustainable development of the rural areas;**
 - **Optimal utilization of the natural resources by following principles of nature preservation and environmental protection.**



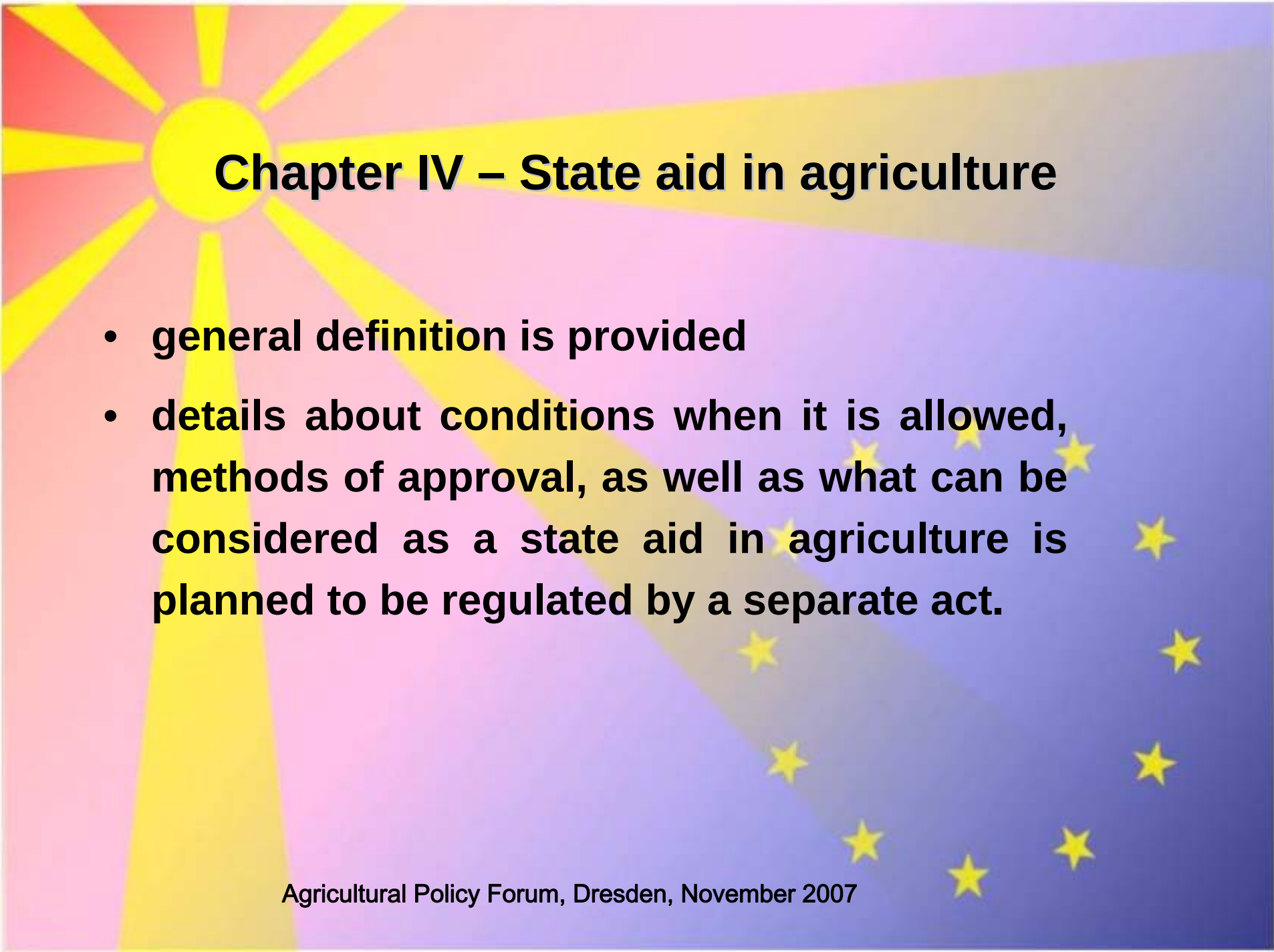
Chapter II – Planning of agriculture and rural development

- **Covers strategic Government documents aiming planning development of agriculture and rural policies:**
 - **National strategy on agriculture and rural development as a base for preparation of,**
 - **National programme for the development of agriculture and**
 - **National programme for rural development.**
 - **By-laws relating to markets of agriculture primary and processed products and rural development**



Chapter III – Measures of agriculture and rural policy

- **Measures aimed to:**
 - **Biodiversity protection,**
 - **soil fertility, and**
 - **environmental protection.**
- **Financing (National Budget, donations and other sources),**
- **Eligible users (Farm holdings and other legal and physical entities involved in agriculture, processing of agriculture products, or offer services in the agriculture sector.**



Chapter IV – State aid in agriculture

- **general definition is provided**
- **details about conditions when it is allowed, methods of approval, as well as what can be considered as a state aid in agriculture is planned to be regulated by a separate act.**



Chapter V – Additional activities

Definition:

- **types of additional activities in the context of farm holdings,**
- **Actors of additional activities,**
- **approval for implementation of activities concerned.**



Chapter VI – Quality and labelling of the agriculture products

- **Good Agriculture and Hygiene Practice,**
- **Minimal quality of agriculture products, as well as the products with higher quality,**
- **Organic products,**
- **Integral farm products,**
- **Farm products defined as traditional products, and**
- **Geographic origin designated products**



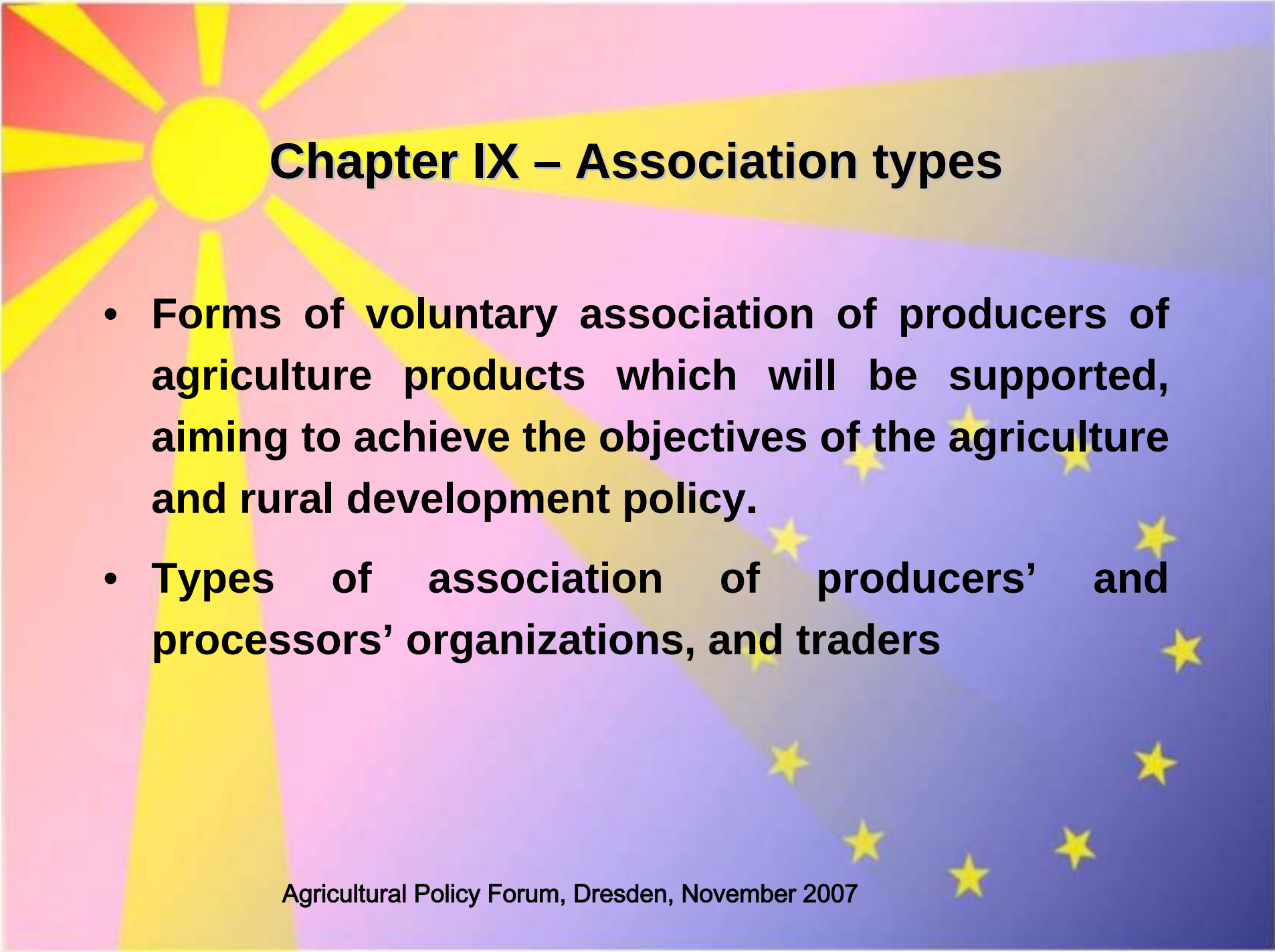
Chapter VII – Trade of agriculture products

- **Regulates marketing of agriculture products from the farming household fulfilling required conditions and quality standards**



Chapter VIII – Agriculture and forest machinery and equipment

- **Conditions for use of agriculture machinery and equipment; protects the human life and health;**
- **Users of agriculture machinery and equipment have to meet the prescribed conditions for safe work and to be appropriately trained;**
- **Agriculture machinery and equipment have to meet prescribed technical conditions.**



Chapter IX – Association types

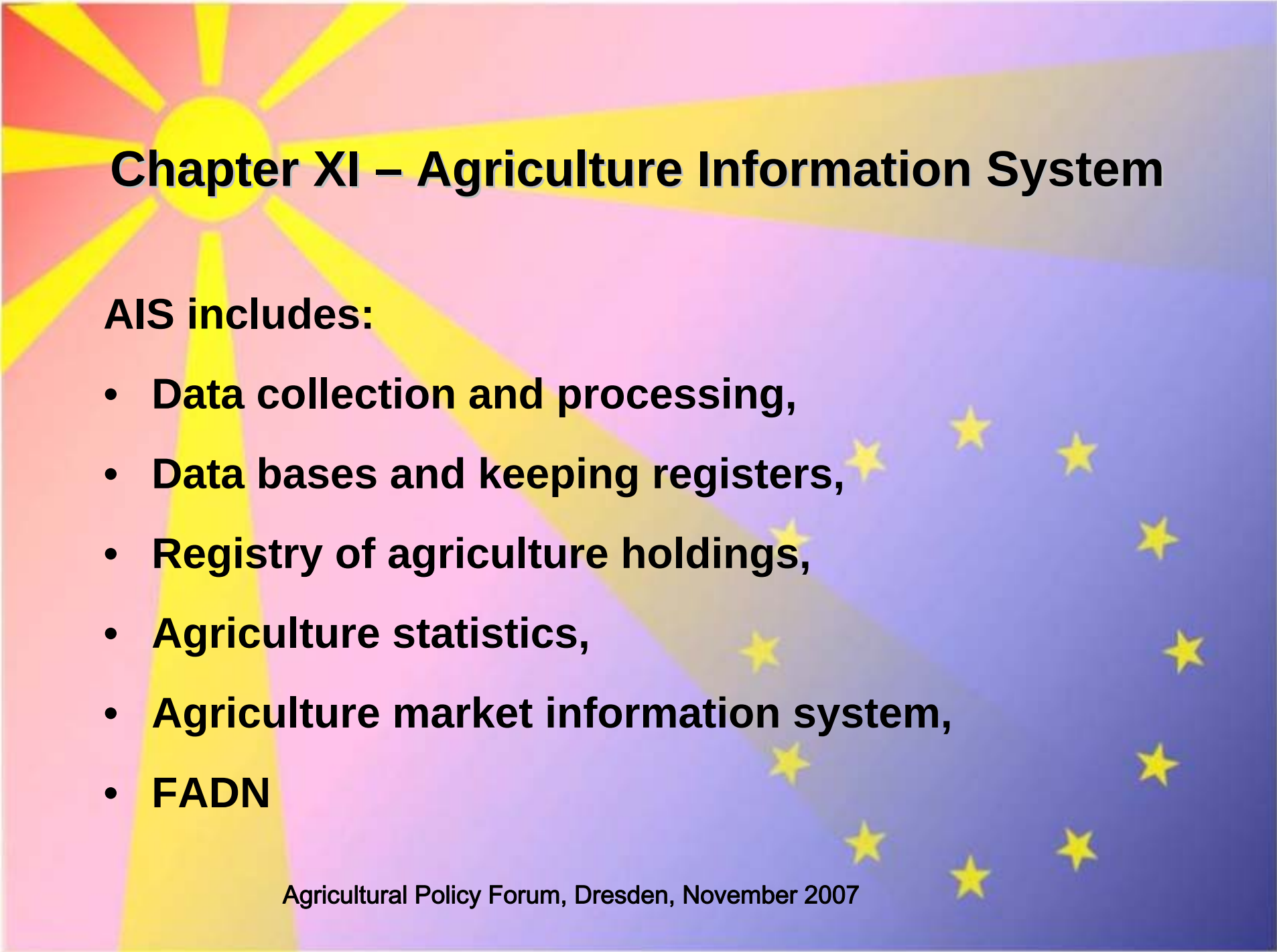
- **Forms of voluntary association of producers of agriculture products which will be supported, aiming to achieve the objectives of the agriculture and rural development policy.**
- **Types of association of producers' and processors' organizations, and traders**



Chapter X – Public services in agriculture

Public service in agriculture is an agriculture activity of public interest such as:

- **Advisory services;**
- **Special services in plant production;**
- **Special services in livestock production;**
- **Gen-bank and biodiversity;**
- **Data collection and analysis;**
- **Special services in agriculture land management;**
- **Research and education;**
- **Quality classification of agriculture products**



Chapter XI – Agriculture Information System

AIS includes:

- **Data collection and processing,**
- **Data bases and keeping registers,**
- **Registry of agriculture holdings,**
- **Agriculture statistics,**
- **Agriculture market information system,**
- **FADN**



Chapter XII – Inspection

- **Regulates inspection controls and measures to be undertaken by the state agriculture, veterinary and food inspectors**



Chapter XIII – Violations

- **Regulates offences and types of sanctions that can be sentenced to the offenders.**



Chapter XIV – Transitional and final provisions

- **Adoption of the secondary legislation (more than 100 by-laws/book of rules),**
- **Establishment of the Council of agriculture and rural development**



Achievements with LARD

- **Regulation of the essential issues , not covered with other legal acts so far, relating to:**
 - **planning of agricultural and rural development policies and measures;**
 - **Financing;**
 - **Institutions.**
- **As a base for approximation of agricultural and rural sectors towards EU legislations.**



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