

1.4 Accuracy of information and conflicting information

Information on large-scale land investments is often fragmentary and, in some cases, it is difficult to fully assess the details of individual cases. Given this lack of data, as well as the fact that the Land Matrix only captures certain aspects in a schematised manner, their complexity might not be completely reflected.

Nevertheless, **it is crucial that all information collected in the database is based on credible data sources and can be verified against these. It is therefore essential that all sources of information used are recorded in the "Data sources" section within the deal.** Variables for which no data sources could be found despite intensive research must be left blank.

In the case of diverging and/or contradicting information, try to verify each piece of information and to check their plausibility. If uncertainties remain and none of the contradictory information can be identified as clearly more plausible, the more moderate information should be provided. Leave a clear note about diverging or contradicting information in the **"Additional comments"** and a justification for the information ultimately provided.

Important: **ALL** sources of information used must be specified in the **"Data sources"** section so that the data collected can be checked against these sources (see 2.6 Data sources).

Please note, the **"Additional comments"** field can and should be used to enrich data and provide more details on deals, particularly in the case of complex deals. They also enable you to add personal remarks you would like to share with other users, such as doubts related to certain quotations. Additional comment fields are of particular importance for **subsumed deals** (see section 1.5). Please be aware that **ALL** comment fields are publicly visible, so please check your grammar and spelling before posting.

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