

- The requirement for CPD and revalidation applies to migrants also, but only after recognition of professional qualifications (not part of the recognition process).
- Practice of the profession is currently not even required by mutual recognition.
- Freedom of services has 2 aims a) gaining recognition if move to another country, and b) being able to provide services across frontiers.

Mr Stoodley requested all national associations to provide submissions on what do they think is and is not important for the future.

M Curtis, President Geomatics Division RICS, asked whether countries have the right to require a knowledge of the local land laws by non-national professionals wishing to practice within the country, and whether countries rather than professional associations have the right to issue licences for cadastral surveying. Mr Stoodley stated that on the grounds of subsidiarity, the EU does not intend to intervene in cases where Member States reserve certain activities to particular professions, and that the European Court of Justice has confirmed Member States' right to require knowledge of local laws. B Bour stated that the RICS was invading European countries by establishing associations, which is contrary to the EU concept of mutual recognition.

3. Finally, Mrs Bloom, and Mr *****, both members of the Belgian Parliament gave a very general overview of the important issues for the Belgian Presidency of the EU. They stated that the Belgian Parliament does not have total control of the program, since certain issues span a number of Presidencies, and have a priority ranking on take-over. Issues discussed which were important from the surveying perspective were;
 - European Parliament and European Commission need expert advice in the areas of a) poles of excellence, b) standardisation and co-ordination, c) linking European and US research. CEPLIS has a role to play providing this expert advice.
 - Meeting pointed out the fact that the liberal professions were very badly represented in ECOSOC - only 4 professionals represented from a professional population of ~ 4 million, compared to an over-representation of farmers.
 - 95% of European companies have less 5 people. European Directives and regulations are OK for large companies, but many small companies have problems implementing new rules.