



16 August 2007

**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE  
Vilnius/Lithuania, 23 June 2007 9.00-15.30**

**MINUTES**

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<b>Venue</b>	<b>Hotel Novotel VILNIUS</b> , Gedimino av. 16, LT 01103 VILNIUS, LITHUANIA Tel.+370 5 2666 210, Fax +370 5 2666 201, E-mail <a href="mailto:h5209-re@accor.com">h5209-re@accor.com</a> , <a href="http://www.novotel.com">www.novotel.com</a>
<b>Participants</b>	Henning <b>Elmstroem</b> (DK), Alain <b>Gaudet</b> (FRA), Mark <b>Wijngaarde</b> (NL), Gerda <b>Schennach</b> (AUS), René <b>Sonney</b> (CH), Jean-Yves <b>Pirlot</b> (BEL)
<b>Guests</b>	Francesco <b>Delfini</b> (FRA), Rafic <b>Khouri</b> (FRA), Anne <b>Pirlot-Vandaele</b> (GE), Volkmar <b>Teetzmann</b> (GE until 10.00), Saulius <b>Urbanas</b> (LT), Vaidotas <b>Sankalas</b> (LT)
<b>Apologies</b>	Vaclav <b>Slaboch</b> (CZ)

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## **1. Opening**

All participants are welcome by CLGE President H. Elmstroem. Special thanks are handed over to V. Sankalas for organising and hosting the meeting. The announcement of a proposal to host the General Assembly of CLGE in 2009 in Vilnius is very much appreciated and will be brought forward in the next General Assembly in Luxembourg.

## **2. Meeting with Lithuanian land surveyors on qualification requirements**

As agreed with the Lithuanian hosts, the Executive Board Meeting is attended by colleagues representing the public and private sector in Lithuania. H. Elmstroem welcomes S. Urbanas, who is representing the National Land Service of Lithuania. S. Urbanas gives an overview about the Lithuanian situation of the surveyors (slides enclosed). Cadastral surveying is done by juridical persons, who are licensed for land planning and cadastral surveying. Valuation is no subject to licensing. The national Lithuanian Land Service (NZT) has licensed approx. 400 juridical persons, which represent approx. 1000 individuals, additionally 200 land planning licenses and 900 land planning certificates have been edited. Around 150 public servants validate cadastral files. The main activities of land surveyors is to be found in land transfer around the cities.

The main laws have been updates in Jan 2007 and will be in force from 11 Oct 2007. Main changes are the definition of surveyor-experts and surveyors and their rights and responsibilities. A license is necessary for at least one person in a company, the licensed person is financially responsible for all surveying results, while a certified surveyor is responsible by his/her qualification. The law stipulates compulsory insurance for a licensed person. The county governors will control and organise expertise on surveyors activities. From 1 Jan 2008 all cadastral measurements shall be executed by geodetic measurements. Licensing requires high or high-university education based at least on 200 academic hours in geodesy and additionally credits in real estate cadastre, land management, topography or GIS (1 credit = 40 hours). An additional practice of 3 years is necessary to get a license. The national accreditation committee consists of members of NZT, universities and

professional associations. Fines are defined as notice, suspension of qualification certificate or in worst case termination of the certificate.

On 1 July 2007 a permanent state GPS network will be launched by NLS.

The new law intends to improve the situation of surveyors in Lithuania. They have no good reputation among land owners due to lack of regulations. For example marking of past boundaries by photographs as well as of buildings was customary for proofing boundaries. There are needs to improve the qualification. The law still describes no clear requirements for public surveyors.

[www.nzt.lt](http://www.nzt.lt)

*Disc:* It is not clear, why control is done by counties. S. Urbanas explains that control and licensing should be separated for avoiding corruption. The county staff are trained in courses by private education companies paid by NZT. H. Elmstroem asks about plans to start with MSc for surveyors? S. Urbanas explains that the first focus is on quality, the second one is to meet requirements of land owners to get surveyors' services in time. Therefore the existing qualification will remain the standard. In 2012-2015 the priority is to fix all cadastral parcels, afterwards the education will be evaluated. At the moment the curriculum defines 4 years for BSc and 2 more years for being a MSc. As an intermediate step equalizing qualification courses for all those surveyors, who are not yet on the level, are described by law and will help to raise the qualification level. The responsibility of the individual surveyor lasts for 5 years, it can be extended to 10 years only in special cases.

R. Sonney remarks that shortly before the Swiss government has asked about the necessity of having licensed surveyors. A Report on licensing of professionals is obtainable in French or German from [www.swisstopo.ch](http://www.swisstopo.ch) or [www.cadastre.ch/de/publications/reports](http://www.cadastre.ch/de/publications/reports) and a summary of it is also obtainable in English.

S. Urbanas reports about the PPP group of EuroGeographics, who is performing a survey about the European situation of the profession. Results should be available until end of summer 2007.

### **3. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

No comments on the Agenda.

*Decision:* Executive Board adopts Agenda unanimously as written.

The Minutes of the Executive Board meeting in Lyon have been circulated on 25 May 2007 by e-mail. Executive Board members have no comments or amendments. J-Y. Pirlot has some comments, they are not read nor discussed because they are too technical.

*Decision:* Executive Board adopts Minutes of last Executive Board meeting unanimously as written.

### **4. Reports by Executive Board Members about activities and meetings**

H. Elmstroem reports about

- a letter of H. Elmstroem to Eurogeographics to start with negotiations for a MoU for closer co-operation
- a letter to Malta, which has not yet been published due to still missing adoption of the official part. The Maltese colleague asked CLGE to come there in July to give some advice for the establishment of a university education for surveyors. Probably J-Y. Pirlot and H. Elmstroem will visit Malta and meet with officials there. P. Prendergast is not able to join.
- V. Slaboch has represented CLGE in the international FIG seminar in Prague recently. This seminar has been organized mainly by Commission 2 of FIG and focussed on professional issues.
- a lot of invitations for attending national events have been sent to CLGE - from Italy (R. Camilleri will represent CLGE), H. Elmstroem took part in a meeting in Finland, where lots of questions on European issues were brought forward and a decision was taken to put more weight

into CLGE, Sweden was visited by H. Elmstroem.

M. Talich

- reports about the 2nd layer of the CLGE website. This part is dedicated to national content only and should be updated by the national delegates of CLGE. An analysis of the visits to the website shows, that only 10% of the total CLGE website visitors go to national parts.
- presented his ideas about a new part of the website for GE, slides from the GE meeting on the previous day will be available from [www.clge.eu](http://www.clge.eu)

M. Wijngaarde had several meetings with possible new members. He visited

- Estonia and met with the President of the private and public part and the Deputy Director of Land Board in Talinn/Estonia this week. During the meeting he gave a presentation about CLGE. The Estonian representatives seem to be very dynamic guys and were willing to become a member of CLGE, but problems to finance fees might prevent them from immediate membership. The national association has about 160 members. The CLGE contribution would therefore start at €334,-- and get up to €406,-- full contribution, which is too high for them at the moment. M. Wijngaarde therefore proposes to contact the president of the Estonian association Ain Jogi informally to talk with them about reduction of fees.
- Latvia next after Estonia and met with President of the Latvian National Association Prof. Janis Strauhmanis. In Latvia there is a very special situation for the professional education on universities: the state provides facilities for 100 students to study, but as fees for students are around €1000,--/year, which cannot be afforded even if they work, there are only 10-15 students at university. Geodesy is one of the most expensive study as the fees are calculated to finance equipment, software e.a. About 100 private companies are doing surveying, this is going to be changed. At the moment the Latvian surveyors are busy with their tasks to establish a new system in their country, but CLGE should stay in permanent contact and promote membership again in 2008.
- Bulgaria in November 2006 to attend the international symposium. This event will be organized in 2007 again.

*Disc:* J-Y. Pirlot points out that in many cases the fee is not be the problem for membership, it is the costs for travelling around as delegate.

J-Y. Pirlot reports about

- meetings of EUROGI and EuroGeographics in the house of surveyors in Brussels. EUROGI has asked CLGE to become a E member. The costs are about €700,--/year. J-Y. Pirlot wonders if a membership as E member would be wise. This question should be studied by the Board or within CTF-EU.
- as he sees no clear benefit from this.
- meeting of EuroGeographics/CLGE PPP Working Group with V. Teetzmann and R. Mahoney in Brussels.
- the renovation of the house of surveyors. Special demands on infrastructure are welcome.
- a meeting with EuroGeographics in January 2007. The Minutes were sent out last week to EuroGeographics. The next meeting will probably take place in July/August 2007 in order to draft the MoU soon. R. Khouri asks to let GE contribute to this paper.
- EGOS who will decide upon to join the house of surveyors in Brussels.
- his work for finding sponsors. Up to now he succeeded to get pledges for around €6000,--. One payment has been done by DVW. Information about payments are appreciated in order to send the sponsors a letter of thanks. Hansa Luftbild is willing to pay €500,--. V. Teetzmann will try to increase the sum. R. Khouri asks to post sponsors on the website, DVW is not yet mentioned on the website. J-Y. Pirlot explains that the payment is very recent. Of course, as soon as a

sponsorship is sure, the website has to be adapted asap. Leica Benelux will pay for a premium sponsorship. More efforts need to be done for 2008.

- the UBG-BE Executive Director Henry Dewasme is no longer responsible for international affairs. Anne Pirlot-Vandaele took over this task and works for 2 days/months for GE and CLGE. Hence her presence at this board meeting of CLGE.
- The EC has sent out questionnaires to prepare the Code of Conducts, which are required by the EU-Directive on services. The CTF-EU will prepare two answers, one for each GE and CLGE (before end of July).

G. Schennach reports about

- an EGIN (European network for Geographic Information) meeting during the upcoming 13th EC GI&GIS workshop in Oporto on Thursday, 5 July 2007. Among the issues to consider for the informal agenda are discussion about the implementation of INSPIRE, a discussion of opportunities for the profession for the eContent+ call and exchange of information on current and future activities of each entity.

## 5. Financial issues

Treasurer R. Sonney presents the result of the Lyon seminar. The total expenditure is €13000,--, the income with 119 participants paying was more or less €9250,--. 49 students paid €30,--. CLGE takes the total deficit of €3715,20 and additionally fees for 5 persons (3 speakers and 2 invited people). The total costs for CLGE are therefore approx. €4900,--.

R. Sonney proposes for future events to give more information about seminars in advance, to get the target group into the boat and to keep the deficit as low as possible.

Membership fees from FIN, POR, GR, UK, BUL and CYP are late at stage. R. Sonney will send an ordinary reminder to these associations.

The Budget 2008 will be prepared soon, some figures are discussed in the meeting.

Sponsoring is budgeted with €10 000,--. R. Sonney asks for figures about CTF-EU and about costs for the Brussels office. J-Y. Pirlot states that €6000,-- have been negotiated as annual contribution for the Brussels house of surveyors and Executive Director for international affairs.

R. Sonney proposes to have two lines in the budget and to separate the CTF-EU from the Brussels costs. CTF-EU is € 3000,--. € 14000,-- are reserved for the Executive Board again. The same amount is budgeted for the general secretariat as in the years before. Contributions to others like CEPLIS is not yet clear.

PR and the Strasbourg Conference need to be split into two lines. € 5000,-- are planned for PR including costs for the Editorial Group. For the Strasbourg conference €20 000,-- contribution are budgeted each for 2007 and 2008 by CLGE and GE (i.e. each organization reserves an annual amount of €10.000 per annum). The costs for the new website will be shared between CLGE and GE, GE asks for a proposal from M. Talich. R. Sonney needs the figures until September 2007. From this estimated budget a total deficit of €18 500,-- results.

A discussion about the amount of the deficit occurs, as up to now no financial plan has been presented by the organizers, the French OGE representatives finally agree to take the complete deficit. The €20 000,-- from CLGE have to be seen as the CLGE contribution to the Conference. The final Draft Budget is enclosed as an .xls.

## 6. CTF-EU

As already mentioned in J.-Y. Pirlot's report before, there were contacts to EUROGI about a E membership. R. Sonney, who is acting as Treasurer of EUROGI is advised to offer the idea to swap the membership between the different organisations.

## **7. Editorial Group**

No activities have been made since the General Assembly in Lyon. The group has no budget for 2007, therefore travelling is not feasible for the members. M. Wijngaarde will arrange the next meeting together with the CTF-EU to save travel costs.

Deadlines for GIM magazine for publication 8 times a year by GE and CLGE in the magazine "geomatics" need to be kept. The editors have asked for compensation by increasing subscriptions. CLGE agreed to circulate a letter of recommendation to get more subscriptions in Europe. The distribution of the letter will be handled by secretariat.

The CLGE publication no. 1 will be discussed later, some funding will be necessary for printing it. Sponsors will have to be announced on the publication.

## **8. Area of interest**

M. Wijngaarde initiates to talk about the next potential members of CLGE. H. Elmstroem met in Hongkong with delegates from Hungary and Turkey. He will invite the persons from Hungary to attend the General Assembly in Luxembourg.

M. Wijngaarde's list about our area of interest will be discussed in one of the next board meetings.

## **9. CLGE Conference 2008**

A draft outline for the CLGE Conference 2008 is presented by R. Khouri. Financial issues, invitations, program and budget are discussed. J-Y. Pirlot is going to act in the organisation committee to represent CLGE's part.

It is planned to organise a university seminar in 2009, following the offer of the Lithuanian colleagues probably in Vilnius. Vilnius is a cheap venue with low costs for catering, equipment, staff and accomodation. CLGE will investigate a topic for a seminar to address the European university surrounding. Obviously, a follow-up to the Lyon seminar would be a good idea.

## **10. General Assembly Luxembourg 2008**

G. Schennach gives a draft outline of the programme for the General Assembly and the social programme. The MoU with EuroGeographics should be adopted by the General Assembly. It would be useful to invite somebody from EuroGeographics as well.

Lithuania will be contacted to send an application letter and ask to stay without fees for 2007-2009. The decision about membership of Lithuania will be taken by the GA in Luxembourg.

Proposals for the Working Plan 2007-2009, which needs to be presented in the GA in Luxembourg are welcome to H. Elmstroem.

The elections will be for all functions following the Statutes. G. Schennach will send out a call for nomination, all candidates, who are nominated before the given deadline will be announced in the Agenda. H. Elmstroem will be candidate for a second period. A. Gaudet will stay as candidate for the Vice-President. J-Y. Pirlot agrees to replace G. Schennach as candidate for Secretary-General. R. Sonney will stay as Treasurer. He needs no 2/3 majority as it is interpreted that he was elected only once since the adoption of the new Statutes. G. Schennach mentions that R. Kolbe will be candidate for Vice-President. V. Slaboch might come to Luxembourg.

H. Elmstroem will come up with a draft of the Working Plan soon, proposals are welcome.

H. Elmstroem proposes to write a history of CLGE, J-J. Derwael will be proposed as historical officer.

## **11. EuroGeographics/PCC Working Group, CEPLIS and ESF**

R. Khouri reports on behalf of A. Gaudet about GE/CEPLIS

- R. Kolbe and A. Gaudet were elected members of the Executive Board of CEPLIS in the

General Assembly last week. The Code of Conduct for liberal professionals is the main topic to be handled at the moment. GE is contributing to this discussion.

- GE has decided in its meeting yesterday to put forward the following motion:  
GE recognizes the need to have a main interlocutor to European authorities, namely CLGE, as the umbrella organization for European surveyors. GE also recognizes the need to have a specific organization to represent the European publicly appointed surveyors, which is the core mission of GE.

Therefore, GE suggests to CLGE to set up a common working group to prepare the merger of the organizations and to propose the future structure, under the guidance of the two Presidents.

This proposal is *accepted* unanimously by the Ex-Board of CLGE.

- The Strasbourg Conference has a website, a digital newsletter will follow soon. An early warning was sent out already.

## 12.Future events

- R. Khouri presents about the Strasbourg event and the main topics and goals of the Conference.
- The next Executive Board meeting is fixed to take place on 11-12 January 2008 in Brussels, starting on Friday at 14:00
- M. Wijngaarde points out that people will not come to Vilnius to attend a one day seminar, unless it is only this event. He suggests to consider a joint meeting.

## 13.Any other business

- R. Sonney asks about ESF. CLGE and GE are both members of ESF, R. Khouri and G. Schennach will draft a letter to ESF, cc to R. Sonney.
- The announcement for the symposium in Sofia, Bulgaria is circulated. R. Sonney is against that CLGE sends a representative to Bulgaria, where links are not so close. It is decided not to attend this year.
- CLGE should consider rather to go to the Intergeo East

end 15:30

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

Enclosures: *Presentation Urbanas obtainable from [http://www.clge.eu/symposia/pdf/07/surveyors\\_activities.pdf](http://www.clge.eu/symposia/pdf/07/surveyors_activities.pdf)  
Draft budget*