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The European Code of Conduct

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Background

- Single European Market;
- Freedom of Movement;
 - Flexible labour markets; and
 - Liberalisation of provision of services;
- Codes of conduct – improve quality of professional services.





European Codes of Conduct

- EC Guidance Document (2007)
 - Overview of existing codes;
 - Source of information;
 - Inspiration for professional organisations.





European Codes of Conduct

- European Codes
 - Promote high quality services;
 - Establish confidence between consumers and professionals;
 - Contribute to Internal Market for services.





Code of Conduct for European Surveyors

- CLGE responsibility;
- Procedures conform to principles of:
 - Integration;
 - Transparency; and
 - Responsibility.





Code of Conduct for European Surveyors

- Open and Inclusive consultation process.
- Only limitations:
 - No barriers to mobility etc. and
 - Respect of national and EC legal frameworks.





Development Process

- Invitation to National Liaison Groups to submit own codes of conduct (March 2008);
- Draft European code (Feb 2009);
- Draft reviewed by working party and revised (March 2009);
- Revised draft presented to the Krakow GA for consultation;



Development Process

- Final draft presented in Copenhagen (June 2009)
 - GA of Geometer Europas;
 - Ex-Board of CLGE.
- Final amendments made in advance of;
- General Assembly, Rome, September 2009.





Development Process

- Way ahead:
 - 2010 Code to be submitted for ratification by competent national authorities, monitoring in May at European Surveyors Congress, Bucharest.





Content of the Code

- Introduction (purpose of the Code);
- General Principles;
- Relationship to service consumers;
- Relationship with other surveyors;
- Professional qualifications and development;
- Monitoring and implementation; and
- Accessibility.



Issues

- Content straightforward and largely agreed;
- EU driver, but not all CLGE national associations are located in EU member states;
- Breach of client confidentiality;
- All collaborators, employees to abide by Code;
- Insurance cover;



Issues

- Definition of “surveyor”
 - Not specific enough for European situation;
 - Some functions practiced in Europe, omitted;
 - Subject for future debate.





Conclusion

- Code demonstrates strong European agreement on both what we do and how we do it;
- Code indicates common professional culture;
- Code demonstrates common commitment to a high standard of professional behaviour;
- Basis for further discussion and agreement.



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