



President's Report – WP 2010 - 2012

To report about the previous period, we've chosen to use the CLGE Strategy as written in the beginning of the period and to comment it. The italic blue text is added and comments on the achievements of our team during the last two years.

Although it's a President's report, I would like to insist on the fact that we had a real teamwork and that all the members were very committed to their tasks in Bureau and Board.

Allow me to take the opportunity of this report to thank my colleagues and friends for their professional but warm behaviour.

It is the occasion as well to thank our institutional corporate members and sponsors for their support. A lot of the progress we've made wouldn't have been possible without their commitment to CLGE and the Profession!

This report will not be read during the General Assembly. Delegates are supposed to read the paper and be ready to comment it during the plenary session and or one of the workshops.

CLGE – Vision and mission statement

“CLGE is the leading surveyors association in Europe”

The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors (CLGE) is the leading representational body for the Surveying Profession in Europe. It promotes the profession in the European Union and fosters its development in the surrounding Council of Europe countries.

Surveying includes Cadastral Surveying which provides security to land and property title and thus underlies the economic base of western society.

Moreover, Geospatial Information is now ubiquitous in our lives and the Surveyor plays a fundamental role in this field. Both fields are strongly related since the cadastre is the ideal fundament for national Geo Data Infrastructures.

The individual Surveyors spread over 36 member states are the final and most important beneficiaries of CLGE's activities. However, the Council also pursues more general aims such as the sustainable development of the European society and the public and individual interests of the European Citizens.



CLGE – Strategic Goals

For the current Working Program (2011 – 2012) we will pursue following Strategic Goals (SG):

- Take part in the legislative process governing the exercise of the Surveying Profession at the European and national levels

This goal was clearly reached. We not only have implemented and monitored the CLGE Code of Conduct but we managed to introduce a piece of CLGE regulation in the INSPIRE directive.

The CLGE Measurement code has indeed been adopted as the reference for the measurement of buildings in Europe and this is a major achievement. It's the first time that CLGE is mentioned in European Law (16 Times!).

Moreover, CLGE took an active part in the revision process of the Directive on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications, directly and via CEPLIS.

- Build a Professional image of the European of Surveyor, recognized by the national governments as well as the EU

Progress was made in this field. CLGE has acquired a high level of cooperation with the European body in charge of GNSS (GSA or GNSS Agency). We took part as an expert group for the market report about the potential use of GNSS in the future.

The Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation was successfully launched and will be followed up by other days of the same kind.

With the above mentioned activities in the field of law making, CLGE has acquired a higher level of reputation in front of the European Bodies.

Diverse activities and missions were organized with the aim to give advice to national governments. Letters were sent to several prime ministers, with the aim to raise profile and support our national member organizations (Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Moldova). Several ministerial meetings took place (Albania, Croatia, Moldova).

The creation of the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base is well on track and the next election period should see its completion. The DPKB is a good occasion to see that a group of voluntary members can prepare the work for the whole organisation.

The integration of CLGE and GE was a success and improves the visibility of our organization at several levels.

- Motivate young surveyors to become active within their national associations and hence CLGE.

Efforts were done in that field and some encouraging successes were achieved.

They include the Students Contest that seems to be surprisingly successful since 11 papers were introduced, and that's not bad for the first edition.

The second European Students meeting is a confirmation of the first event of that



kind. For the next session, we have to consolidate these results and why not expand the event to gain more visibility.

We are engaged in the FIG Young Surveyors Network and should coordinate this Network at the European Level.

First STEP still exists but should be better promoted. This requires the involvement of our companies and if this is not possible, we should abandon or rethink the scheme.

CLGE has also engaged with another interesting initiative launched by our Italian colleagues: the International Course for Young Surveyors. We will have to be careful about the future of this event, especially when CNG will decide to stop its organisation.

- Make sure that the CLGE members are satisfied with the performance of CLGE.

Our members were asked to give their opinion after each GA or event. We've received some (not many) comments and have tried to follow the majority of recommendations. From in the beginning of the election period we've empowered the General Assembly by introducing more discussions and we think that this improvement was well perceived by the members and their delegates (organization of several Work Shops with follow up).

Our actions will concentrate on following features.

Proximity - CLGE is close to its members

The proximity between CLGE and its members is essential. This nearness is reached by strong ties between the Bureau, the Executive Board and the General Assembly. The CLGE delegates representing their National Liaison Groups have also a key role to hold in that field: They have to secure that the information percolates from CLGE to the individual surveyor and vice versa. This bidirectional information flow is crucial if we want to be of any help.

Proximity: empower the GA, visibility, added value, demonstrate need of EU actions, work regionally to prepare CLGE wide agreements, advertise CLGE events as national CPD not only in the host country

A lot of actions have contributed to the proximity we wanted to achieve.

The Day of the European Surveyor was interesting because the National Liaison Groups were invited to organize actively this day in their own country. This will be developed in the future.

The magazine GeoInformatics is a success, since we have a permanent visibility in the Geomatics world. We also hope to reach our members. Moreover, we have developed the base for a permanent and multilingual e-newsletter that can start soon. Moreover, we've started some social media, for instance twitter and LinkedIn accounts. Of course, we still should improve things, for instance the national and international Continued Professional Development Measures.



Pro-activity - CLGE engages with the competent authorities and relevant partners

CLGE does not work in isolation. On the contrary, to gain efficiency and credibility, we seek for relevant engagements and partnerships. Once collaboration is started, CLGE behaves as a constructive, transparent and trustworthy partner.

Pro-activity: take part in the evaluation process of directives, inspire new directives or regulations, ...

This was a very successful axis of our policy too.

CLGE is very present in the evaluation process of the directive. We've learned to interact better with our General Assembly, when it comes to wave the flag (e.g. in the field of the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications).

Although it was only in a small field (the surface of buildings) CLGE has had a real added value in the INSPIRE Directive. We have possibilities to engage with the European Normalization Body CEN. We should really try to seize this opportunity to have a lasting influence on this sector.

We also had a contacts about the normalization of expertize reports with CEN and we should pursue these efforts.

Professionalism - CLGE works in a professional way

Although most of our work is done by volunteers, we have to make all the efforts to adopt a professional profile in our work. Strong social contacts are indispensable to foster the needed proximity but our professional targets and the way we get there must remain our main concern.

Professionalism: Put a clear focus on our meetings and especially the active parts, secondment, trainees, create working parties (regional actions, ...)

Our meetings were professionalized. More discussions, more engagement, ... but we still have to improve this by reducing the administrative part (it's the reason why this report is tabled in a written way).

Inspired by Nordic and German models we have experienced the interest local working parties. This was especially successful in the euREAL working party and will be maintained.

With the unfortunate withdrawal of Pierre Bibollet from our Executive Board and thanks to the help of OGE (France) we have experienced a kind of secondment with the availability of Bénédicte Fournier. This way of using resources could be encouraged in the future.

We should investigate if there are no other Interest Groups that we should create.

Moreover, we managed to increase our budget with 60% without augmenting the fees. This is mostly thanks to the help of our partners and could be difficult to keep at that level but it shows that there is a real interest for us.



Membership affairs

A special effort will be done in asking member associations to create NLG. This process will be monitored.

The enlargement policy is reviewed. In the coming period, CLGE looks for consolidation. Enhancement remains possible but is not longer the top priority.

However, it's plain that candidate EU member states are suitable incoming CLGE members, while incoming EU member states must be CLGE member, preferably before their adhesion.

For example France and Belgium have made an effort to create such a National Liaison Group. We are convinced that this goal has still to remain high on our agenda.

HESGI

The House of the European Surveyors and GeoInformation plays an essential role in CLGE's visibility in Brussels and abroad.

We have to use this infrastructure as a venue for our meetings but also as a symbol of our unity.

The effective use of the infrastructure will be promoted either by CLGE activities or national activities in Brussels.

With its official opening of the House of European Surveyors, the election period started well in 2010. Some renovation works are still possible and will be needed if the secondment goes on but, improvements have to be secured. For instance national activities in our house (not only Belgian activities) should be organized.

Working parties and task forces

The work of CTF-EU (formerly uniting CLGE-GE) will be conducted by the CLGE Executive Board members in close cooperation with IG-PARLS. We have to monitor the EU events and propose relevant policies. It is a vital part in the CLGE's engagement towards the EU institutions.

To enhance the cooperation between CLGE and EGoS a task force will be built.

Ad hoc working groups will be created for well defined topics (Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base, EGNOS, Galileo, ...).

Regional activities are encouraged and coordinated but they may not threaten CLGE events, nor overshadow them. They have to be effective thus very local or with teleconferencing.

As explained above, these goals were well reached.

Discussions with EGoS are on-going but the results are not very satisfying. We have a good cooperation but we are losing momentum. Efforts should be maintained during the next election period.



Conferences and Seminars

The biannual Conferences will be maintained.

The organisation of Seminars and other events will be carefully monitored for the future. We feel that it is not easy to mobilise our members for a multitude of events. Conferences can and must draw our full attention.

These events should be financially self supporting although a deficit guaranty can always be invoked, when accepted by the GA.

The Conferences and Seminars remain a major asset for CLGE.

With the Umeå seminar in Sweden we've really reached our breakthrough with the European GNSS Agency. This kind of event should be repeated to create similar ties with another European agency or body. It should influence the selection of the topic too.

The Conference of the closing Election Period is an ideal platform to launch euREAL with sufficient media attention.

We should improve the participation to our seminars and conferences, especially on a local basis.