



CLGE Contest Student Paper Contest: FIG Young Surveyors Europe

Joining European Forces

“Nothing about us without us”

Category: Students and Youngsters Engagement

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1. Introduction

Students and Youngsters Engagement is a key challenge in nearly every profession which doesn't seem to be trendy nowadays. This is especially an issue within the surveying community, not to say that the profession is not trendy but its basically not really known and acknowledged by society. Therefore the profession and its associations are lacking of youngster and actively searching for Young Surveyors who are active, motivated and interested. This contest initiated by CLGE for Student and Youngsters Engagement is addressing this issue and just point out to the key challenge.

2. FIG Young Surveyors Europe

Starting point for the FIG Young Surveyors Network Europe was set in Rome with the first FIG YSN conference in 2012. It was the first time that an event especially for young surveyors was taking place. With more than 120 participants worldwide it was a big success and showed that there *are* Young Surveyors outside who want to take part in creating the future of the surveying profession. There also the first steps for a European branch have been made with key persons taking part in the conference. The idea of having a European branch of the FIG Young Surveyors Network was already born for a long time but no real steps have been done till that. With CLGE also supporting this idea it made it even more necessary to start working on it.

The key mission, derived from the mission statement of the FIG Young Surveyors Network, was defined as followed:

“To facilitate an European network of young surveyors”.

Represent: Ensure young surveyors are present and represented across national European surveying



associations and within CLGE as one of the leading European associations. Ensure young surveyors are informed of key surveying events and news happening in Europe.

Link: Link young surveyors with FIG, CLGE and their national member association. Enable and promote European wide opportunities and experiences to young surveyors.

Act: Enable young surveyors to drive their own projects and get the possibility to take part in shaping the surveying future.

3. Building a European Network

Earlier this year the first meeting of key persons who made this European branch starting met in Brussels together with CLGE to celebrate the day of this year's Surveyor of the Year and to share ideas and experiences on how to start this European branch of Young Surveyors. Initiators and key persons who took part in were: Bram van Londerseele (Belgium), Eva-Maria Unger (Austria), Paula Dijkstra (The Netherlands) and Jean-Yves Pirlot (Belgium) with his supportive CLGE Team.

Within the meeting 7 tasks have been defined which will set the basic plan for this year.

1. Identify National Contact Points for YSN Europe
2. Mission statement of YSN Europe
3. Link to other European Networks
4. Projects to be executed
5. Organise first event for National Contact Points
6. Promotion opportunities for surveyors
7. Definition of tasks National Contact Points

Every European Young Surveyor is invited to contribute to these tasks. They are general but necessary to work on a good basis and get things started.

4. 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

Early in 2013 the Young Surveyors Network received the great news that Ordem dos Engenheiros wanted to host the first Young Surveyors meeting for Europe!

The first FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting will take place in Lisbon, Portugal from 17th - 18th October 2013 and the expectations in working together and to participate in the future of the surveying profession in Europe are high. There will be 2 Working sessions and 2 Dynamic sessions who are addressing exactly the theme of the meeting: "European Young Surveyors Together for Tomorrow's Challenges". The aim of these session is to directly communicate and share them with FIG and CLGE to work together on the future of the surveying profession.



As starting a regional branch of the FIG Young Surveyors Network there are a lot of ambitions, visions and maybe dreams but we are looking forward to achieve these with good and efficient teamwork between our active members and the national associations. CLGE is playing a key role and is an important partner for those Young Surveyors to achieve the ambitions and goals.

5. How/What could CLGE...

... motivate young surveyors to be more active and or more engaged in the association (national and or international levels)?

- Inspire Young Professionals by sharing your **careerpath** showing and telling the benefits of **being active**
- Have a national **contact point** for Young Surveyors within each member organisation/association
- Stimulate to have a young professional in the **board** of the member organisation
- Special **fees** for young professionals
- During meetings and conferences host **special sessions** for students and young professionals

... act to give an increased added value to its members, especially young members or potential members of the national associations?

- Include a **representative** of the YSN Europe board in the CLGE board
- Set the example! **Involve** young professionals in organising meetings, and executing (research) projects
- Provide **funds** for students and young professionals to participate in meetings
- Include 1 page for news about young surveyors in your **newsletter**
- Be visible where the Young Surveyors are on **Social Media** (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Student and Youngster engagement is **special CLGE theme** from 2014 - 2015



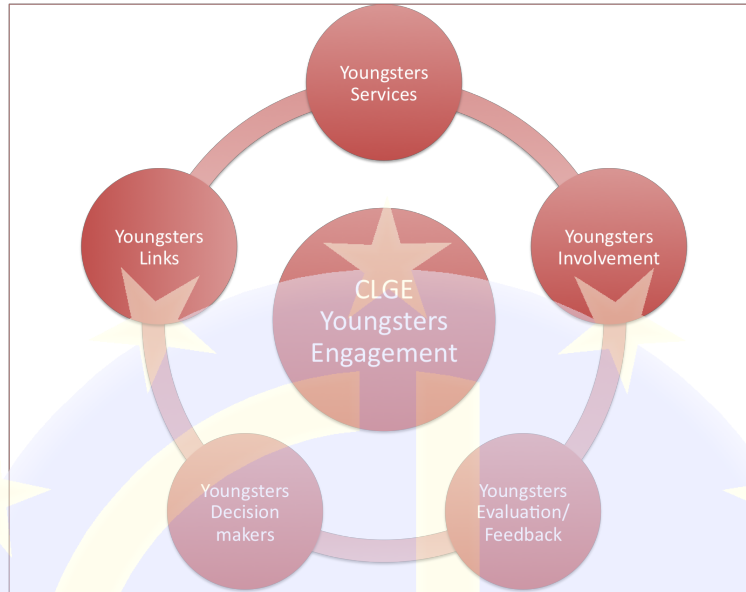
- **Combine** the General Assembly and the regional meeting of FIG Young Surveyors

... do to motivate youngsters to choose for the studies of Geodetic Surveyor and to enter the profession (in countries suffering from a lack of young surveyors)?

- Share **best practices** in Europe
- Involve young professionals in **education** projects
- **Support** national young surveyors networks on this subject
- Young Surveyors are the best **ambassadors** to promote the profession
- Use Young Professionals (national and international) to promote the sector in **media**

6. Project proposal

During working on the questions above 5 key points have been identified for an good and efficient CLGE Youngsters Engagement. In addressing those 5 key points an CLGE Youngsters Engagement will work and bring benefit to all.



The FIG Young Surveyors Network Europe has given several ideas how CLGE can improve the 'engagement of students and youngsters' within CLGE. We are convinced that both can join forces and working together on the goals they share.

By introducing the 'Student and Youngster engagement' as special theme for the coming two years, most of the suggestions can be achieved by CLGE and national member organisations. In that period of time awareness will be raised for the Young Surveyors.

Also by combining the FIG Young Surveyors Europe meeting with the General Assembly in autumn, the involvement of and interaction with Young Surveyors will be stimulated.

To involve the Young Surveyors physically in meetings, financial support is needed. Therefore we propose financial support for the following items:

- Financial Support for a **representative** of FIG Young Surveyors Europe board in the CLGE board
- Financial Support for participation in **FIG Young Surveyors Europe Meeting** in combination with participation in General assembly CLGE (autumn)
- Financial Support for participation in **General Assembly CLGE** (spring)

Financial proposal

Events	Number of persons	Funds
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General Assembly CLGE (March)	max 5 applicants	1000 EURO
Regional meeting FIG YSN + General Assembly CLGE (October)	max 10 applicants	2000 EURO
Support representative board member FIG YSN Europe	Two meetings, 1 person	1000 EURO (travel costs)
Involvement of YSN in projects	2- 4 persons	1000 EURO (travel costs)