



## First Workshop of the GeoSkills Plus project

**On 21-22 May 2014 the first Workshop of the GeoSkills Plus project will take place in the Netherlands. There is great concern across Europe about the e-skills shortages, gaps and mismatches between the demand and supply of geo-ICT workers. The GeoSkills Plus project seeks to understand and address these issues.**

GeoSkills Plus is a European Commission funded project under the DG Education and Culture, Leonardo da Vinci programme. It started in October 2013 and will run until October 2015. The project enables European countries to exchange best practices and innovations. The focus in this project is on the mismatch between Europe's geospatial vocational education and training (VET) and the geospatial labour market.



### Results of innovative practices in workshop

The project will take innovative practices that already exist in Europe and redefine them so that they can effectively be implemented in other 'pilot' countries, in this case Belgium, Bulgaria and Lithuania. During the workshop the first project results will be presented and discussed. The recommendations from the participants will be used for the implementation plans in the countries mentioned above.

The workshop will be attended by teachers, students, government representatives, geospatial companies from the Netherlands, Belgium, Bulgaria, Lithuania, France, United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

In November 2014 a second workshop will take place to discuss the implementation plans.

### e-Skills important for economic growth

The European Commission identifies the need for e-Skills for the 21st century as a key determinant for the growth and development of the European economy. The competitiveness of European industry is dependent on the effective use of new information and communication technologies as well as the knowledge, skills, competences and inventiveness of the European workforce and citizens.

### About GeoSkills Plus

GeoSkills Plus will start to create a European workforce with high level geo-ICT skills and competences to meet the needs of European citizens and society.

GeoSkills Plus seeks to provide an infrastructure to improve skills for geospatial vocational education and training in Europe and encourage cooperation between the geospatial academic world and the world of work. This will enhance employability in the geospatial labour market.

Geospatial professions encompass disciplines of gathering, storing, processing, delivering, and turning data into information and there are new geo-information jobs popping up in industries such as insurance, medical, transportation and more. Geo-information students are in demand throughout the western part of the EU labour market and the geo-information academic community cannot keep up the pace. In Western Europe, there is a growing shortage of students qualifying with GeoSkills.

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## **About CLGE**

*The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors (or Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens: CLGE) is the leading association 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 foundation for national Geo Data Infrastructures.*

*The individual Surveyors, spread over 36 member states (and 3 observing members), are the final and most important beneficiaries of CLGE's activities (more than 100.000 professionals). However, the Council also pursues more general aims such as the sustainable development of European society and the public and individual interests of European citizens.*

*The self-employed 'liberal' surveyors, who are entrusted with official authority in the field of property guarantee form an important part of CLGE. These liberal surveyors assume personal responsibility and liability and economic independence*

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