STATUTES

CHAPTER I
NAME –REGISTERED OFFICE
Article 1

The name of the association is: «COMITE DE LIAISON DES GEOMETRES EUROPEENS - THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN GEODETIC SURVEYORS », abbreviated as « CLGE ». The official logo of the CLGE can be used in digital or analogue form as a complement of the name in full. The abbreviation will be used in the two languages.

Article 2

The registered office of the association is set up in 1000 Brussels, rue du Nord 76, in the judicial district of Brussels.

Each modification of the registered office has to be published without delay in the annexes of the Moniteur Belge (the Belgian State Gazette).

CHAPTER II
PURPOSE – OBJECT – ACTIVITIES

Article 3

The purpose of the association is*:*

1. to represent and to promote the interests of the geodetic surveying profession in the private and public sector in Europe, especially to the Institutions of the European Union.

2. to enhance the development of the profession administratively, educationally and scientifically, to facilitate training, continuous professional development and mutual recognition, and to promote the activities of geodetic surveyors as a highly qualified profession.

Being committed to this purpose, CLGE has the following main objectives:

- To demonstrably support the European Institutions in all their relevant undertakings and, in particular, to co-operate with and assist the European Commission in the mutual recognition of qualifications for academic and professional purposes and to contribute within the European jurisdiction on professional matters;
- Active participation in pertinent legislation processes at European level;
- Presentation of the geodetic surveying profession to the European public and authorities;
- Cultivation of relations between the professional groups represented as European geodetic surveyors in CLGE;
- Creation of a permanent forum for European geodetic surveyors, who are committed to European co-operation, characterised by a spirit of partnership;
- Provision of assistance to member countries, to national associations and EU institutions on request;

- Development of close relations and the exchange of information, knowledge and “best practices” among its members;
- Promotion and exchange of technical, scientific, educational and organisational know-how within the European states and provision of assistance in dealing with issues arising from different conditions in various CLGE member States;
- To strengthen the image, ethics and rules of the profession;
- To stimulate and facilitate the enhancement of standards of academic and professional qualifications, improved service to customers and quality of outputs within the geodetic surveying market throughout Europe;
- Support of initial and continuing education;
- To establish rules of equivalence between the member countries to ensure the free exercise of the profession;
- Contribution to the definition and the guaranteeing of land and real-estate property, as a human right guaranteed by national constitutions and European directives, edicts and policy statements;
- To strengthen relations within the areas of administration, university and research;
- To encourage research in the fields of geodesy and surveying, in accordance with sustainable development;
- Participation in and membership of organisations and associations within the scope of the CLGE’s purpose.

The association can perform all acts related directly or indirectly to its purpose. It can contribute to and take an interest in all activities similar to its purpose.

CHAPTER III
MEMBERS
Section I
Admission
Article 4

The association has principal members, corporate members and observing members. The CLGE can also award honorary member status to natural persons.
The number of the principal members must not be less than three.

Article 5

§1. A Principal Member of CLGE is an association or a National Liaison Group of Geodetic Surveying Professionals from any European State that represents the majority of the geodetic surveying profession in that State and is technically and professionally recognised in its country.
Each Principal Member has one (1) vote.
§2. An Observer of CLGE is an association or National Liaison Group of Geodetic Surveying Professionals from any European country that represents the majority of the geodetic surveying profession in that State and is technically and professionally recognised in its country.
Observers have no voting rights.
§3. Appointment of the principal and observing members:

Only one membership per country is permitted and each member may be represented by a maximum of two delegates one of them being the head of delegation in the General Assembly.
Applications to join CLGE as Principal Member or Observer must be drawn up in writing to the Secretary General. The applicant has to make evident:

- That it represents the majority of geodetic surveying professionals in the particular State,
- The level of academic qualifications of its members, and
- The professional disciplines practised by its members.

If the applicant fulfils the criteria for a membership the Executive Board will propose the application to the General Assembly to vote on it. The decision to accept the application requires a two thirds (2/3) majority.
§ 4. Corporate members are:
Each person who doesn't fulfil the conditions to become principal members, i.e. natural or legal persons who, according to the laws of their country, can support the association's purpose by contributing voluntarily by means of fees or activities.
Each person who is submitted by at least one principal member and who desires to be corporate member, has to apply in writing to the Secretary General. The application is submitted to the Executive Board and is posted up for eight days in the association's offices.
The Executive Board examines the application during its next session. Its decision is without appeal and must not be motivated. It is communicated in writing to the applicant.
The applicant who has not been accepted has to wait for at least one year, starting on the day of the Executive Board's decision, before he can apply again.
§ 4.Honorary members are:
Each person who has performed outstanding services to CLGE or the geodetic surveying profession. Honorary members are appointed by the General Assembly on the proposal of Executive Board.

Section II
Resignation, exclusion, suspension

Article 6

CLGE membership ends by withdrawal, exclusion or dissolution of the member association. Withdrawal must be presented to the Secretary General in writing from any authorised representative of the national adhering body. All outstanding membership fees must be paid in full.
4.8 The General Assembly may exclude a member for failing to honour the obligations or for violation of the aims of CLGE. Exclusion of a member must be adopted by the General Assembly with a vote of 2/3 majority.
The Executive Board can suspend, pending the General Assembly's decision, those members who are guilty of a serious infringement on the statutes and on the laws of honour and propriety.

Article 7

The resigning, suspended or excluded member as well has the heirs or successors of a deceased member, have no rights with regard to the social fund.
They are not allowed to ask or require a return, a surrender of the accounts, a sealing or an inventory.

Article 8

The Executive Board keeps a register of the members in accordance to article 10 of the law of nineteen hundred twenty one.

CHAPTER IV
FEES

Article 9

The resources of CLGE shall originate from the financial contributions of members. CLGE may receive further contributions from members, official EU organisations or any other individual or institutions and organisations, as well as from the profit from events or other activities.
The subscription fee for Principal Members is determined by the General Assembly. The Executive Board can decide about reduction of subscription fees for Principal Members in cases of weak financial background, but this has to be proved in a letter by the member to the Secretary General.
CLGE shall use its funds in pursuance of the purposes and objectives stated in article 3. Any un-budgeted expenditure arising in reaching the stated objectives may, exceptionally, be financed by a special levy on the members. A decision on a special levy shall require the vote of a majority of 2/3 of the members present at a General Assembly. Every member should contribute to a special levy according to its contributing share for ordinary funding.
The CLGE accounts shall be audited by the two Auditors each year. Written reports about results including proposals for effective use of financial funds are to be presented to the General Assembly by the Auditors.

CHAPTER V
THE STRUCTURE OF CLGE

Article 10

CLGE is composed of the following bodies:

- The General Assembly of members
- The Executive Board
- The Bureau
- Interest Groups

CHAPTER VI
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 11

The General Assembly consists of all the principal members. They are represented by at least one delegate, two delegates being the maximum.
The national associations have to designate their delegates. The principal members have one effective vote per country.

Article 12

The General Assembly possesses the powers expressly assigned by law or by the present statutes.
They are, in particular:

1. the modifications of the statutes;
2. the adoption and modification of internal rules;
3. the nomination and the dismissal of the board members;
4. the nomination of auditors and, if need be, the nomination of certified accountants;
5. the definition of the policy and the decision about proposals by the Executive Board for Working Parties to handle particular tasks of interest;
6. the approval of the budgets and the accounts as well as the discharge to be given to the board members, to the auditors and if need be to the certified accountant;
7. the voluntary dissolution of the association;
8. the exclusion of members;
9. the transformation of the association in a non profit company.

The assembly elects a President, three ordinary Vice-Presidents and a Vice-President representing the Young Surveyors, a Secretary General and a Treasurer, if the number of members is sufficient.

Interest Groups

An interest group, representing the publicly appointed and regulated liberal surveyors is established.
Membership of an interest group is requested either by an individual declaration of a CLGE delegate or by the nomination of a representative by a national liaison group and it requires acceptance by the interest group.
The interest group may have its own internal rules in accordance with these statutes and CLGE's internal rules, to be adopted by the General Assembly.
The interest group can have separate financial responsibility/account inside the CLGE's accounts. The CLGE's treasurer has the only right of disposal of funds following the interest group's formal decisions.
The interest group has the right to raise financial contributions from its members to fulfil its financial obligations like travel costs, administrative activities and any special commitments. CLGE excludes liability for all non-authorized obligations.
The CLGE's treasurer is also the treasurer of interest groups.
The reimbursement rules are the same as for the rest of the CLGE.

The General Assembly may establish two additional 'Interest Groups' committing themselves to represent 'the Public Service' or 'Science/Universities including Students' affairs'.

Article 13

The General Assembly meets at least once a year, in the first semester. At any moment, the association may be convened in an extraordinary assembly by the Executive Board, more particularly on demand of at least one third of the effective members. Each assembly will be held on the day, at the hour and in the place mentioned in the invitation.
All members must be summoned to this assembly.

Article 14

The General Assembly is convened by the President or by the Executive Board by ordinary letter, fax or e-mail, to be sent out at least thirty days before the assembly, and signed by the Secretary General, in the name of the Executive Board.
The agenda is proposed by the Executive Board must be mentioned in the invitation.
The agenda will be adopted at the start of the General Assembly; additional items require a majority of two thirds of the principal members present.
The minutes of the General Assembly will be sent not later than thirty days after the General Assembly.
The venue of the next meeting shall be determined by the General Assembly under conditions fixed in the Internal Rules.
The General Assembly may decide that special EU member states' affairs may be voted on exclusively by the EU member states.

Article 15

Each member has the right to participate in the General Assembly. It can be represented by a representative, but votes by proxy are excluded.
Only principal members possess voting power. Each principal member possesses one vote. A General Assembly can only deliberate validly if at least half of the principal members are present.

Article 16

The President, or in his absence the eldest Vice-President or the eldest member of the Executive Board presides the General Assembly.

Article 17

The decisions are taken by simple majority of the votes present, unless otherwise stated by the law or by the present statutes.
Votes and elections take place by raising hands unless the general Assembly asks for a secret ballot.
Only points on the agenda can be the subject of a decision.
In case of a tie, the President or the board member who replaces him has the casting vote.

Article 18

The General Assembly may only decide upon the dissolution of the association, the modification of its statutes or its transformation into a non-for-profit company, with respect to the articles 8, 20 and 26, 4° of the law of twenty first June nineteen

hundred twenty one on non-profit associations.
However, every proposal aiming at the modification of the statutes or the dissolution of the association must emanate from the Executive Board or at least one quarter of the principal members.
The Executive Board has to inform the members at least thirty days in advance about the date of the General Assembly deciding on this proposal.
No decision will be valid if it is not adopted by a two thirds majority of the votes present.
Decisions about modification of the purposes of the association require a quorum of four fifths of the votes present.

Article 19

The decisions of the General Assembly are written down in a register of minutes signed by the President and the Secretary General. This register is kept at the registered office where all the members can consult it, without removing it from the premises though.
All amendments to the statutes are filed without delay with the Registry and published by extracts in the annexes to the Moniteur belge (the Belgian State Gazette) as prescribed by article 26, 9°. The same applies to all deeds concerning the nomination or the withdrawal of the board members.

CHAPTER VII
ADMINISTRATION

Article 20

Under reservation of what is written further on, the Executive Board is composed of at least three persons, chosen among the principal members by the General Assembly, for a two years' period. Their mandate can be revoked at any time by the General Assembly. In any case, the number of board members has to be less than the number of members of the association.
The Executive Board is always composed of:

- a President
- three ordinary Vice-Presidents
- a Vice-President representing the Young Surveyors
- a Secretary General
- a Treasurer

as permanent members.

- two additional elected optional members without portfolio, for special items of priority,

as non-permanent members.

Members of the Executive Board shall carry out their duties on a neutral basis.
A maximum of two Executive Board members may come from the same country. The President cannot also serve as a delegate of a member country during his term of office.

Article 21

Each Executive Board member is elected for a two years' period, as follows :

- The President is elected by the assembly by simple majority, for a two years' period, one re-election being possible.
- The Vice-Presidents are elected by the General Assembly for a two years' period, one re-election being possible.
- The Secretary General and the Treasurer are elected by the General Assembly for a two years' period and can be re-elected for a second term.

If the General Assembly decides with a two thirds majority of the votes present, a re-election for an additional term is authorized.

The members of the Executive Board on priority tasks are appointed by the General Assembly with a simple majority for a fixed period, which is the duration to carry out the task. One extension is possible.

The auditors are elected by the General Assembly for a two years' period and can be re-elected for successive terms.

All Executive Board members, with the exception of the two members in charge of priority tasks, must be elected during the same General Assembly meeting.

In case a vacancy occurs during a term, a provisional board member can be nominated by the Executive Board. This decision will be ratified by the next General Assembly. In this case, he finishes the term of the board member he replaces.

The board members may be revoked by the General Assembly by a two thirds majority of the votes present.

Article 22

The Executive Board is in charge of the day-to day business of CLGE and is responsible for keeping up an internal and external information flow by means of electronic communication measures. The Executive Board has the widest powers for the administration and the management of the association.

The Executive Board proposes new Working Parties, Task Forces and Grants to the General Assembly and reports regularly to the General Assembly. The Executive Board should hold at least 2 but not more than 4 meetings a year, two of them in connection with the General Assembly.

Article 23

The Executive Board is convened by the President and/or Secretary General. The board acts collegially and can only rule if two thirds of its members are present.

Its decisions are taken by simple majority: in case of a tie, the President or his substitute has the casting vote. The decisions are written down in minutes, signed by the President and the Secretary General, and entered in a special register.

Meetings of the Executive Board can be attended by way of electronic communication (teleconferencing). Each member attending such a meeting is considered present.

The President, however, has to be present in person.

Article 24

The President is chairperson of the General Assembly and the Executive Board.
The 3 ordinary Vice-Presidents represent different areas of interest. Candidates for the election should meet these demands as well as possible.
The three areas are:
- Professional education
Covering issues of academic qualifications, professional qualifications & licensing procedures, professional competence, mutual recognition and Continuous Professional Development.
- Professional practice
Including issues of the private surveying sector, public surveying sector, Public-Private Relationship, Public-Private Partnership.
- Relations with the European Union
Focussing on activities related to the profession and promoting the profession within the EU, the support of the accession countries with the aid of EU funding for the participation and the translations, advising on national surveying laws, supporting the development of national associations.
The Vice-President representing the Young Surveyor is in charge of the liaison with the European organisation(s) representing the Young Surveyors.
The Secretary General is responsible for the administration of CLGE, the management of the secretariat, the maintenance of the archive of documents and the preparation of minutes of meetings.
The Treasurer is responsible for all financial matters of the association.

Article 25 - Bureau

In order to preserve the efficiency of the General Assembly and the Executive Board, a Bureau, is appointed by the Ex-Board.
The Bureau is in charge of:
- the daily routine;
- minor non-routine decisions that have a limited impact on CLGE, and
- decisions that do not fall under one of the two previous categories but require a very urgent reaction, making it impossible to await a meeting or consultation of the Executive Board.
The Bureau reports to the Executive Board by written minutes.
Deeds regarding the nomination or the withdrawal of persons in charge of daily management of being member of the abovementioned bureau are filed without delay with the Registry and published by extracts in the annexes to the Moniteur belge (the Belgian State Gazette) as prescribed by article 26, 9°.

Article 26

The President, or in his absence a Vice-President, represents the association at the highest level towards every authority, administration or public service.
He takes every necessary or useful measure for the implementation of the decisions taken by the General Assembly or by the Executive Board.
All deeds binding the association, including the notarial deeds, are signed by the President or by a Vice-President, unless there is a special mandate.
All legal proceedings, as plaintiff or defendant, are followed by the Executive Board, represented by its President or by a board member designated for this purpose.

All deeds concerning the nomination or the withdrawal of persons authorized to represent the association are filed without delay with the Registry and published by extracts in the Moniteur belge (the Belgian State Gazette) as prescribed by article 26, 9° of the law.

Article 27

The board members, the persons designated for the daily management as well as the persons authorized to represent the association do not contract any personal obligation by the execution of their function. They are only responsible for the execution of their mandate. This mandate is not remunerated, except for a contrary decision taken by the General Assembly. The board members are however entitled to receive a reimbursement of their expenses. When the Executive Board charges one or several of them with a mission, it can grant them an allowance to cover the necessary expenses. On the other hand, the General Assembly can decide to grant a fixed or variable allowance to the board members depending on the time they spent on their function, or an attendance fee.

Article 28

The Secretary General and, in his absence, the President, is authorized to accept provisionally or definitively the largesses bestowed on the association and to accomplish all necessary formalities to acquire them.

CHAPTER VIII
MISCELLANEOUS

Article 29

The Executive Board can submit internal rules to the General Assembly. Modifications to these rules can be decided on by the General Assembly, ruling by the simple majority of the members present.

Article 30

The financial year starts on the first of January and ends on the thirty first of December.

Article 31

The accounts of the past financial year and the budget for the next year will be submitted each year for approval by the Ordinary General Assembly.
They are kept and, if the case arises, published in accordance with article 17 of the law.
Each year, the CLGE's accounts must be examined by two auditors.
The written reports on the results, including proposals for an efficient use of the financial funds, must be submitted to the General Assembly by the auditors.

Article 32

Should the case arise and in any case when the law requires to do so, the General Assembly designates a certified accountant, chosen among the members of the Institut des Réviseurs d'Entreprises (Accountants Institute), who will be charged with the audit of the accounts and will have to present an annual report to the

General Assembly. He is nominated for four years and can be re-elected.

Article 33

The decision to dissolve the association can be taken by the General Assembly by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the principal members present.
In case of dissolution of the association, the General Assembly designates the liquidator(s), fixes their competences and decides on the allocation of the liquid assets of the social fund.
This allocation has to be done compulsorily to a non-profit goal.
All decisions concerning the dissolution, the conditions of the liquidation and the withdrawal of the liquidator(s), the closing of the liquidation as well as the liquidation of the assets are filed with the Registry and published in the annexes of the Moniteur belge (the Belgian State Gazette) as prescribed by the articles 23 and 26, 9° of the law.

Article 34

The law of 27 June 1921 on the non-profit associations applies to everything which is not explicitly decided on in these statutes.
As the quorum of the assembly is attained, after deliberation, the General Assembly takes the following decisions:

1. The proposal for the modification of the name and the social purpose is adopted unanimously.
2. The text of the new statutes such as mentioned in the agenda is unanimously adopted.

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