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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
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MINUTES

Venue: Marriott, www.Marriott.dk

Participants:

Members of the Ex-Board:

Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE), President
Michelle Camilleri (MT), Secretary General
Dieter Seitz (DE), Treasurer
Pierre Bibollet (FR), Vice President
Rudolph Kolbe (AT), Vice President
Leiv Bjarte Mjoes (NO), Vice President

Apologized:

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Invited:

Bénédicte Fournier (FR), Manager International Affairs OGE

1. Opening and Adoption of the Agenda

The President opens this first meeting of the newly elected Executive Board.

He welcomes all the board members, congratulates them again for their election and thanks them for their commitment. It will be hard to keep up with the standards set out by the previous board hence even harder to do it better: that's the challenge at hand.

He underlines the importance of this first and extraordinary meeting. After Villars, Bucharest, Linz and Varna, where a lot of effort was concentrated on the merging of CLGE with Geometer Europas, this meeting is meant to draw the policy for the coming years.

Jean-Yves Pirlot reminds the presentation he gave during the Varna election process.

There's a clear need to increase our EU engagement. Therefore we have to be present and engage with the Commission and the European Parliament.

This can be done by:

- Work in the field of the Services, Qualifications and the Bologna process (comparability)
- Promote the Code of Conduct, Quality standards, normalization (e.g. m²)
- Exist in the world of GI (INSPIRE), EGNOS, GALILEO, EUPOS, ...

As any association, our aim must be to give value for money. CLGE has to give an added value for the membership fees. This means:

Be proactive on the EU level

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

Increase the visibility and relevance of our profession

Build a strong professional image of the European Surveyor, recognized by the national governments as well as the EU.

Secure the future of our profession.

Continue the fight for a solid initial education (Master level), followed up by effective CPD (see the Multilateral Agreement).

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

To start off with, the president asks for a short tour de table on this introduction.

Rudolf Kolbe acknowledges the carefully written strategic study tabled by Jean-Yves Pirlot. He remarks that it's a very valuable document for our future work. He would like to use it as a basis for coming decisions, by adding a dimension related to the priority. As already pointed out, we need a clear focus for our coming actions. Leiv Bjarte Mjoes agrees on this and underlines that we need to see what our capabilities are. The same applies to the way we are organizing GA and the actions that we undertake.

Pierre Bibollet thinks that the priority must be our representation at the EU level, especially in the process of the pending or forthcoming evaluation of the EU Directives.

We also have to defend the high level initial education. French people are for instance going abroad to avoid the French 5 years duration of the studies.

Dieter Seitz agrees with what was said and specially asks for a higher level of engagement towards the EU bodies. We have to improve our presence in Brussels.

Michelle Camilleri underlines the essential integration between board and GA, i.e. the delegates.

DECISION [D EB10-V/1]:

The agenda is adopted without amendments.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Varna Ex-Board (circulated on 13 November 2010)

DECISION [D EB10-V/2]:

The minutes of the Varna Executive Board meeting are approved without comments. The newcomers abstain.

3. Reports by the Executive Board Members (incl. Financial Situation)

- a. Report by the President

The President reports about his first actions after Varna.

On the national front he had a very busy period with the creation of a new umbrella organization "l'Ordre Belge des Géomètres-Experts npo". It will now be represented in CLGE instead of its two founding members UBG and ANGE. Jean-Yves Pirlot was appointed as its first president.

On 4 October 2010, he took part in the opening of InterGeo Köln and was warmly welcomed there as the incoming CLGE president. A very important keynote speech of Dr. Dr. di Fabio, Judge at the Constitutional German Courts, stressed the importance of a good cooperation between private surveyors and civil servants. The state has to secure that private and public surveyors are on the same level that means that they both need a high qualification level. That's exactly the message that CLGE promotes since many years.

On 10.10.10, there was the opening of the House of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation, with Dorine Burmanje, President of EuroGeographics, presiding over the Ceremony. Pierre Bibollet, Dieter Seitz and Randolph Camilleri attended the opening. The latter was there in his capacity as president of EGoS. He and his

Secretary General, Malcolm Lelliott insisted again on the start of a common task force (see point 5.g.).

The following two days Jean-Yves Pirlot attended the GA of EuroGeographics. It was a very interesting meeting during which their move to Brussels was consolidated. EG is taking the form of an *Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif* (aisbl, the same as CLGE but the international status). Herman Van Rompuy, keynote speaker at the GA, heralded the move to the House of European Surveyors and GeoInformation, as published on www.clge.eu. Dorine Burmanje, president of EG but also of "Kadaster" (The Netherlands) committed her national organization to the CLGE corporate membership.

On 22-23 October, Jean-Yves Pirlot attended the second symposium of the Croatian Chamber of Chartered Geodetic Engineers. It was a very carefully planned and a well conducted event that he had the honor to open.

Dieter Seitz gave a very interesting and well attended speech about price regulations for cadastral surveying in relation with public appointment.

The presence in Opatija gave the opportunity to start the planning phase of the coming GA. The venue and infrastructure is well suited for the event.

On 29 October there was a meeting at community level, the president couldn't attend. He was represented by Bénédicte Fournier. Her stay in Brussels gave the opportunity to have a short assessment of the situation in the late afternoon.

The same applies to Rudolf Kolbe's stay in Brussels during the CEPLIS GA on 8 November 2010 as well as Peter Strokowsky's report about a BFB (Bund Freier Berufe) hearing on 9 November 2010.

The period since Varna also gave the occasion to start the collaboration with Michelle Camilleri and Ann Pirlot-Vandaele for the day to day business (update delegates list, update website, news on website and newsletter, First STEP, business cards, email addresses for board members, official publication of the new statutes and the nomination of the new board members, ...).

b. Michelle Camilleri

The role of the General Secretary is being taken over by Michelle Camilleri from Jean-Yves Pirlot and this is being done through exchange of email and constant communication.

The FirstSTEP webpage was completed cleared out and new students/trainees are now applying on line. So far there are 5 CV's of applicants and 7 job offers by companies that are interested in taking students/trainees on board. There is the first success story for the FirstSTEP programme and this is two French students were sponsored by NGI in Belgium and a short report will be published on the website and in the Newsletter.

We have to thank Pierre and Bénédicte for the promotion of the FirstSTEP programme amongst the French students.

Rudolf reports that he has a French student that is currently working for him and we will receive a report from the student and/or employer on the experience of this placement.

Another task that is being coordinated by Michelle Camilleri is the update of the website, delegate lists updates and the first edition of the e-news letter.

Preparation for the Copenhagen Executive Board was done over the past months.

c. Pierre Bibollet

Pierre took part in the opening of the House of the European Surveyor and GI.

He also participated in a telephone meeting on the evaluation of the mutual recognition of professional qualifications directive with the President and Bénédicte Fournier, to prepare the 29 October meeting in Brussels.

d. Rudolf Kolbe

Rudolf Kolbe chaired the permanent committee of CEPLIS on 8 November which took place for the first time in the premises of the European parliament.

Benoît Rihoux, University of Louvain and Mr. Jim Buxter, University of Leeds, gave a presentation about the Leeds Institute of Research for the Liberal Professions.

An active system of a professional card was presented by the Ordine Medici Latina (Italy). In the GA on 9 November the priorities for 2011 were adopted. Also adopted were the proposal of the permanent committee meeting to nominate CEPLIS for the commission's steering committee on professional cards and the budget including a fee increase of 3%.

In Austria there are attempts to implement a so called "Kataster-Patent" – a license to work in the cadastre – which would be open also to people without an academic education at all. The chamber is fighting against these intentions with many different lobbying initiatives.

On 2 December Rudolf Kolbe will give a presentation at the university in Innsbruck on behalf of CLGE about the European Frame for the surveying profession.

e. Leiv Bjart Mjoes

As a new member he has no special report to make. He only underlines that he has read a lot. He remarks that a new comer has to struggle with a huge number of specific terms and abbreviations.

f. Dieter Seitz

The outgoing treasurer, René Sonney, has passed all the financial documents and papers to him. The documents transfer is totally arranged now.

First contacts are established with the bank, and after publication of the new board in the Belgian official journal, the signature will pass from René Sonney to Dieter Seitz.

The financial situation is sound as we have about 105.000 euro on our account.

Ordnance Survey UK has paid an amount of 1000 euro but is not clear if this is related to its fee or a donation. The Treasurer will follow it up and sort this out.

4. CLGE strategy 2010 - 2012

a. Brainstorming

The session is started with an analysis of the Varna GA SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats).

Michelle Camilleri will contact the authors of a few remarks which are not clearly understood by the board members. The results are reported in Enclosure 1.

After the SWOT results, the Ex-Board analyses the other suggestions put forward during the break out sessions in Varna (see Enclosure 2).

b. Strategic Goals

The three top strategic goals of Jean-Yves Pirlot's study are listed below:

- Take part in the legislative process governing the exercise of the Surveying Profession at the European and national levels;
- Build a Professional image of the European of Surveyor, recognized by the national governments as well as the EU;
- Motivate young surveyors to become active within their national associations and hence CLGE.

The board members will reflect on these as well as the other SG's and send their comments. A list of 3-5 SG's will be prepared and adopted during the next Ex-Board meeting. They will be integrated in the working plan.

c. Responsibilities

These responsibilities were discussed throughout the whole meeting and summarized at the end as reported hereafter:

- As the Secretary General, Michelle Camilleri will work closely with the President and the Executive Director for the day to day business.
She will also review the sponsoring and corporate membership rules. It will be her task to run the communications department (website, newsletters, ...).
- Pierre Bibollet will follow up the evaluation of the relevant directives and organize the monitoring of the legislative processes as well as the court rulings.
- Leiv Bjarte Mjoes will be competent for the students and academic affairs including the FirstSTEP, InterGeo 2012, and the Accord Multilateral.
- Rudolf Kolbe is in charge of the contacts with CEPLIS and prepares a description of the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base (DPKB - therefore he will liaise with Leiv Bjarte Mjoes, see also Paragraph 5.h. hereafter).

5. Short term actions and ongoing plans

a. Evaluation process of the EU directive on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications (professional cards, automatic recognition, ...)

Bénédicte Fournier gives a presentation (see ppt).

- The European Qualification Framework (based on 8 different levels) could be used as a basis of reference to be able to compare the initial trainings.

- Professional cards: The European Commission currently foresees to implement the system of professional cards for the 7 professions which benefit from an automatic recognition (architects, nurses, mid-wives...). The other professions would be free to join the project.

- To be able to be part of the working group established by the commission there are some conditions: Issue of professional cards should be pending, there should be a good motivation and the profession should face a high level of mobility.

Another criterion is to have interest expressed by the authorities. We do not exactly know if CLGE could be accepted as an authority in this field.

- Answer must be given before 29 November 2010 (The president will send an email).

- Online survey, single market act (SMA) (Bénédicte Fournier will make a proposal of the answers).

- Strangely, the commission did not mention CLGE's answer to the consultation of professional associations. They've proposed to repeat our suggestions during the coming public consultation.

- The language question is very important. The Commission may decide to erase the possibility to check language knowledge except for the medical professions.

- Prior declaration is essential to keep an eye on the provision of services, especially for land delimitations. But of course we must be careful of not mingling the Art. 45 matters of the EU Treaty, since such activities should fall out of the scope of the EU directives.

- The board agrees on the fact that cards are important, especially for liberal professionals. However, they are expensive and CLGE is not ready yet.

We cannot impose it right now but we should be involved in the subject. Following Pierre Bibollet's experience, Plastic cards are not so expensive (15 euros) but electronic certificates are more expensive.

Only a small part of our profession is regulated (cadastral / property surveying). All the rest is free movement and not really interested in professional cards.

However, the professional cards project will be monitored closely, if possible via CEPLIS. The issue will also be tabled to IG-PARLS.

CLGE could ask a list of professions that are in the scope of the project.

DECISION [D EB10-V/3]:

Pierre Bibollet and Bénédicte Fournier will draft a position letter of CLGE toward Mr. Tiedjes unit.

b. Initiatives in the field of the Services Directive (quality of services, ...)

Article 26 of the Services Directives gives us the opportunity to act in the field of the quality of services.

As already pointed out, the president strongly advocates the promotion of the harmonization of m² for building surveys as a kind of test case (*Code de Mesurage des Surfaces* or CMS). This effort can be related to Article 26.

We should translate this CMS, with the help of RICS or the EU and promote it amongst our members.

There was a short presentation of CMS in Bucharest but when the paper becomes available in English, we can submit it to the approval of our members.

Germany has a law about this for residential surfaces (built after 2004 and with subvention of the states, then you need "Wohnflächenverordnung" (www.gesetze-im-internet.de/woflbv/index.htm) and a standard for offices (Mietflächenrichtlinie Gewerbe www.gif-ev.de) or DIN 277. Mr. Christoph Rek, ÖBVI in Berlin, Vice President of DVW, is working on this topic for his organisation. It could be worthwhile to liaise with him.

If the GA supports the initiative we probably will have to contact CEN. A less formal way (and probably less expensive too) would be to go via the DG internal market.

DECISION [D EB10-V/4]:

The CLGE Ex-Board will table the translated measurement code for buildings (CMS) to the GA.

BDVI wants to setup a new Leitbild for the ideal professional (ethics, quality management, marketing). This initiative is very close to the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base and could be exploited in that field. BDVI works in close cooperation with a university professor, Mr. Hommerich.

c. EU Engagement (contacts, invitations, ...)

We have insisted on the need to raise profile towards the EU bodies.

There are three ways of communication with them:

- we have something to push forward, then we can invite somebody from the field;
- we want to show our force, transport our image, therefore we invite an official from the Parliament, Commission or Council. In some situation, we could also invite somebody from an agency or enlargement officials;
- we want to communicate to the outside world and invite a VVIP (e.g. quote of the Vice President of the EU Parliament in Krakow, President Van Rompuy on 11.10.10, Commissioner Michel Barnier for a future event, ...)

We could imagine a lot of actions:

- Organise a hearing in the EU parliament;
- Create a kind of Intergeo Brussels. A first step could be to attract a lot of MEP to

Hanover at our next EU conference.

- We could invite Mr. Tiedje or a similar player to one of our GA to give us a keynote about a relevant topic.

Such actions are already under preparation since some people from the Commission and or GSA (GNSS Supervisory Authority in charge of EGNOS and Galileo) are willing to attend the Umea seminar about the geodetic infrastructure in Europe.

It's clear that technical lobbying is much more important at the EU level, than at the national level where the political lobbying is far more effective.

d. Cooperation with IG-PARLS

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a short presentation of the Interest Group.

A strong link is established between the CLGE Ex-Board and IG-PARLS, since Austria, Belgium, France and Germany are represented in both bodies.

Two fields could be related to IG-PARLS activities:

- Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base (DPKB);
- Professional cards.

Although IG-PARLS is part of CLGE it must keep its autonomy and it has to define what it wants to do in common with CLGE not the other way around.

There are some actions needed to protect the public appointment / delegation of public service.

For instance, France is experiencing some attacks by the Topographers who want to break OGE's monopoly over the property delimitation.

The origin of all this is the Services Directive. Pierre Bibollet thinks that IG-PARLS has to concentrate its actions on this threat.

The two topics will be tabled during the next meeting of IG-PARLS.

DECISION [D EB10-V/5]:

A proposal to follow up the Professional Cards project and to take part in the development of Dynamic Professional Knowledge base will be tabled to IG-PARLS.

e. Education and Youth engagement (First STEP, Accord Multilateral, InterGEO 2012, ...)

Leiv Bjarte Mjoes is very interested to take care of these aspects.

The Multilateral Agreement is also related to his action domain as it concerns the initial education.

DECISION [D EB10-V/6]:

Leiv Bjarte Mjoes will table a proposal for the youth event in InterGEO 2012, and liaise with Jean-Yves Pirlot.

Pierre Bibollet announces that there is a new evolution in France. Facing a problem of decreasing students numbers, OGE has obtained a Law opening the access to the profession to different master diplomas (town planning, geography, ...) complemented with additional studies setup by the traditional surveyors universities or high schools.

The additional curriculum will consist of two years of practical training + some specific studies in function of the initial education of the candidates (Pierre Bibollet will provide an article on this topic for the national part of the CLGE E-newsletter).

f. GI-Related fields (INSPIRE, EGNOS, EUPOS, ...)

Since a long time, CLGE has decided to develop its activities in the field of GeoInformation. It was a long request of René Sonney that was finally taken on

board.

The problem is that our first attempts have failed due to a lack of available resources.

Rudolf Kolbe reminds the board that Danko Markovinovitch seems to be very involved in GI, since he's teaching these matters at the University of Zagreb. He also showed his keenness to fulfil some tasks for CLGE.

Danko Markovinovitch is indeed involved in this field and could ensure our representation in international meetings about GI. As a matter of fact, he's bound for the next EUPOS meeting in Brussels. He could study the progress of this project in Central and Eastern Europe and evaluate the usefulness of its westward expansion.

Jean-Yves Pirlot will liaise with Danko Markovinovitch to fathom his intentions.

DECISION [D EB10-V/7]:

The Executive Board would like to propose a special task to Danko Markovinovitch in the field of GI.

g. Cooperation with other organisations (CEPLIS, EGoS, EuroGeographics, ...)

CEPLIS

Rudolf Kolbe represents CLGE in CEPLIS and can obtain some support from OGE, since Bénédicte Fournier takes part to most general meetings, as a representative of France. They will liaise to create the optimal synergy.

Some other short term actions about the Professional Cards, possibly in relation with the Institute of Leeds would anyhow involve CEPLIS.

EGoS

DECISION [D EB10-V/8]:

A common working group will be established in the same way as we did between CLGE and Geometer Europas. Jean-Yves Pirlot and Michelle Camilleri will represent CLGE in these discussions.

FIG

A good cooperation with FIG is very important. When possible, the president will attend their meetings. However, since Pierre Bibollet and Leiv Bjarte Mjoes assist in most, if not all the FIG activities, the commitment of CLGE is not questionable. Pierre Bibollet is willing to represent CLGE in FIG, whenever Jean-Yves Pirlot is not available.

The next major event of FIG is the working week in Marrakech (18 – 22 May 2011).

CLGE has to be well identified within FIG.

EuroGeographics

The collaboration with EuroGeographic is described in a MoU. Two publications are already available and some more efforts could be made (see next point about the DPKB). Delegates of EuroGeographics are always invited to our events and vice versa.

This tradition will be followed up if anyhow possible.

h. Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base (DPKB)

Rudolf Kolbe explains the interest of the project.

We should define which information we would like to collect and share.

The so formed data base should be made available to interested people.

We should start up a very simple system. It doesn't have to cover the whole professional field from in the beginning.

There should be a small working party to define the DPKB we need.

Rudolf Kolbe accepts to lead this project. Leiv Bjarte Mjoes is also very interested in this work. Existing material should be used. It is for instance worthwhile to evaluate the use of Commission 7's template in this field.

The Institute of Leeds, specialising in the study of subjects related to liberal professions could be interested in our project.

Although the Institute of Leeds unites 5 universities, it is very open and could accept the participation of other Universities or partners.

DECISION [D EB10-V/9]:

Together with Leiv Bjarte Mjoes and other possible participants from IG-PARLS, Rudolf Kolbe will try to outline a project about the building of a Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base. In order to enable us to present such a project at the next GA, a draft should be available before the next ExBoard meeting in March.

i. Communications policy (Website, Newsletter, Editorial Board, ...)

Michelle Camilleri will lead these matters in close cooperation with the President.

Vaidotas Sankalas will be encouraged to go on with his task in the editorial group.

GIM could be interested in opening a column about CLGE. Other magazines could follow. Ewa Swenson was presented as a potential columnist.

Some improvements should be made about the website (overview of the calendar, information about the delegations, ...).

We will put some efforts in a better update of the data about our events.

DECISION [D EB10-V/10]:

Michelle Camilleri will lead the editorial group.

j. Other initiatives (Anti-theft measures, Smart cornerstones, Forum, ...)

Brendan Arrigan's question about anti-theft measures of topographic HW is discussed. The board is not aware of such a threat. As it is still easy to get an insurance, there is probably no problem in continental Europe.

However, such situation can evolve. The president will back up the Irish initiative, at least to gain a correct knowledge of the problem.

The smart cornerstones are then discussed. These cornerstones could be very useful for the exact situation of utility networks (OGE can give an explanation about this new field of activities). It is somehow related to Art 26 of the Services Directive on certification.

We will test an internal network as proposed by Matjaz Grilc.

k. First planning of the Opatija General Assembly

Croatia could sign the Accord Multilateral as a fourteenth member.

The Croatian President has been invited to attend the meeting. We should invite a EU counterpart or a high level enlargement official in Croatia.

The invitations are under preparation to be sent out early in 2011.

6. Umeå seminar

Jean-Yves Pirlot was invited to attend a first planning meeting in Stockholm and or Umeå.

DECISION [D EB10-V/11]:

Jean-Yves Pirlot will represent CLGE in the organizing committee of the Umeå seminar, at least as long as there is no appointment of a GI representative for CLGE.

7. Planning of coming Conferences and Events

a. Statutory meetings

I GA 2011, Opatija (Croatia) / 6 – 7 May 2011;

II GA 2011, Tallinn (Estonia) / 16 – 17 September 2011;

I GA 2012, Edinburgh (United Kingdom) / 5 – 7 May 2012 (To be evaluated with regard to the FIG calendar);

II GA 2012, Hanover (Germany) / 12 October 2012;

I GA 2013, Budapest (Hungary) / Dates to be fixed;

II GA 2013, Chisinau (Moldova) / Dates to be fixed;

b. Non statutory meetings

Seminar 22 – 23 June 2011 about the Geodetic Infrastructure in Umeå University / Sweden;

INTERGEO event 2012: Attendance of the fair on 10 October 2012;

Third Conference of the European Surveyor 2012, Germany, in Hanover [together with the Intergeo and the Autumn GA as well as the 2nd Students meeting, InterGEO 2012 (CLGE-DVW)], 11 October 2012;

The conference will be organised by Clemens Kiepke. The current topic would be about the security of property rights.

Students meeting, InterGEO 2012, 10 October 2012 (Date still to be confirmed).

8. Any other business

The Board agrees with the CLGE logo on business cards for the Italian CLGE delegates. The same applies to the FIG working week business cards, although CLGE cannot be bound by this. It is not clear if this was part of the question.

We could evaluate the cost and opportunity to register the CLGE logo.

The former Geometer Europas website will be closed and redirected towards www.clge.eu.

Michelle Camilleri
Secretary General

Jean-Yves Pirlot
President

*Enclosures: Analysis Brainstorming Varna: SWOT
Analysis Brainstorming Varna: Ideas and Proposals
Bénédicte Fournier's presentation about the evaluation process of DMRPQ*

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Enclosure 1: Varna SWOT analysis

The Brainstorming session was very well received by the GA.

Similar experiences must be organized during future meetings.

The discussion of the SWOT results leads to following remarks to take on board of our coming considerations:

- We should have an idea of the number of private and public surveyors as well as academics amongst us. This could help to orientate a proportional share of our discussions held at the GA level. We need to find a balance between technical matters and academic ones (see the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base - DPKB).
- In the preparation of a GA, we should coordinate the subjects treated by the GA. We could also try to find some keynote speakers, some statements and then organize a discussion round of the GA.
- We have to deliver more value for money, not only to our members but also to our sponsors. Some contacts are already ongoing in that field.
- We have to be careful about clear definitions. French surveyors will for instance say that there is a difference between cadastral surveying (1-3% of their activities) and delimitation ("bornage" – 30% of their activities and subject of their public delegation). For most of the others all that is cadastral surveying.
- We should make a list of the important topics, not only related to cadastral surveying. Pierre Bibollet will produce a draft list.
- CLGE should make efforts to improve the feeling of individual surveyors about the need of the EU activities.
- The Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base is essential for the understanding of our profession and should come quickly.
- CLGE can promote IG's such as PARLS but also encourage bilateral accords, about very specific questions. These accords can be coordinated and oriented towards common goals.
- The fee structure was just changed and cannot be discussed again. We should observe it during about a couple of years and then make an assessment of the situation. An increase of the fees in the current circumstances would not be a good move. First we have to give value for money and then we could consider a progressive increase of the fees.

Enclosure 2: Analysis of the "Ideas and Proposals"

During the Brainstorming session about the SWOT analysis, a group came up with some ideas and proposals.

The discussions about these proposals lead to the following remarks by the Ex-Board:

- The support of national governments and associations is one of the major aims of CLGE. There are some examples of it in the past. It must be stressed that national associations wanting some help for them or their government have to invoke this help in a loud and clear way. The French and Austrian situation with regard the threat they are experiencing from the topographers is a good illustration of this. A common strategy will be discussed with IG-PARLS.
- The standardization is one of the major goals / challenges of the next period. CLGE members are eager to learn from each other (CPD, m², quality standards, ...). Some voices even ask for a kind of harmonization of cadastral activities. Others ask for restraint in that field.
- Some meetings of CLGE can be used as CPD (seminars, conferences, GA for the delegates).
- The Ex-Board will test the use of a closed forum.
- Some remarks tend to promote the Accord Multilateral. The board agrees with this aim and will table some proposals to the GA.
- The Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base could answer a lot of the requests. Therefore the initiative seems to be very pertinent, not only to the board members.
- Legal intelligence is vital to CLGE. There is a clear need of monitoring the new legal initiatives as well as the rulings by EU courts. OGE has such a system and is ready to share it with CLGE. Bénédicte Fournier will write a monthly digest of her analysis after filtering away the strictly French aspects. The CEPLIS newsletter is also an interesting source of intelligence. Therefore Bénédicte will integrate the results of both sources in one synthesis. The CEPLIS telegrams will be removed from the CLGE homepage and put in a secured or hidden part.
- The thematic part of the GA's will be better coordinated. A speaker could give a keynote about a specific topic and some statements could fuel interesting discussions amongst the members. We could ask some external views (other organization, the commission, ...).
- It is suggested to avoid combining GA's with conferences or seminars. On the other hand some members are explicitly asking for it. Future events will have to ensure a better coordination of the agenda. Some international speakers prefer to have their presentation as close as possible to the GA.
- The fixed price question for cadastral surveying (property delimitation) is frequently asked. It could be interesting to have a discussion about it. We have to be very careful since France had to face fines for imposing such price regulations to its members. OGE has taken care of this by implementing Article 26 provisions.
- CLGE will keep a high level of social activities, promoting the attendance of partners. This is a good way for facilitating the dialogue. For the sake of a good communication and bearing in mind the average age of the delegates, noisy orchestras or activities will be avoided.
- CLGE has also to be a Think Tank for the future of our profession.
- The GA's should avoid theatre or school sitting. The U-shape is preferred. However, one has to bear in mind that this could increase the price of our meetings. The U-shape will be promoted but not imposed. Other settings may be tested (the cabaret setting is a promising alternative).
- Technical / commercial presentations by suppliers (sponsors) could be interesting during conferences and seminars. At GA we should be careful about this, although for some very specific subjects, it could be of great use.
- All the websites of local associations should point towards the CLGE website and vice versa.
- CLGE totally approves the presence of local politicians at our GA.