



CLGE Supports Romanian Geodesy

Opening Speech at the Romanian Surveying Week 2022

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

My name is Vladimir, and I am President of CLGE, the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors. It's a great honour and a real pleasure for CLGE to take part in this opening ceremony.

It's a nice idea to have a surveying week and symposia like GEOMAT2022, while in other countries, there are no such events or only a geodetic day at most. When I take the floor here, I am not only speaking on my own behalf, but also in the name of the newly elected CLGE Executive Board, and of course, in the name of CLGE's General Assembly. This General Assembly represents Associations from 41 European countries. 38 Principal Members and 3 Observing Members. Romania is one of the Principal Members and is very active for many years now, actually its accession to CLGE took place before my own country, Croatia, applied to join, if I am well informed in 2007.

And one can say that the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors is working closely with your Romanian Surveying Associations. As you know, CLGE wants to represent the profession as a whole and your idea of creating a National Liaison Group between two associations is totally in line with our wishes. More countries should follow your example. Only the public sector is missing although its employees are probably members in one of your organisations. Nevertheless, it would be marvellous, if this event would coincide with the year in which your National Cadastral Agency is joining us as well, together with the 10 institutions we already have.

At the end of October CLGE met in Seville, in Southern Spain; Cornel Paunescu was your Delegate. I was re-elected for a second term, together with Nicolas Smith, Duncan Moss, Enrico Rispoli and Jānis Klīve, while Sarah Sherlock and Paco Darder were elected for a first mandate. Croatia, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Latvia, Ireland, Spain, this represents the diversity of CLGE in our Board. On their way home, to Athens, our newly elected Secretary General, Michalis Kalogiannakis from Greece, and Jean-Yves Pirlot, our well-known Director General, already discussed that, more than ever, CLGE must be close to its members.

That's exactly why I am here with you today. Participating virtually is the new normal. We have to see this as a new potential. However, we are also looking forward to cooperating with you not only via videos, or online but also in person at your annual surveying weeks, for instance, but also at the next CLGE General Assembly in Oradea from 11 to 14 May 2023. It will be 12 years after the memorable General Assembly in Bucharest, together with the second CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor about the Public Appointment of Surveyors. I invite you to read the [Bucharest Declaration](#) again, it's available in the 'CLGE Basics' section of our website; these statements are still very valid as you will see. Our call for a common harmonised measurement code for buildings for instance is close to a worldwide solution now with the finalisation of the International Property Measurement Standard for all building types. We can be proud of this realisation.

I want to point out a new important project in CLGE. It is based on all activities and combines them into a new complex project.

CLGE as a leading surveyors association initiates and supports the activities for designing a complete geodetic POLICY which will determine the place, role, and task of GEODETIC SURVEYORS in the future development of EUROPE, applying the best solutions and positive experiences.

This means that we will try to upgrade the current European regulations with CLGE initiatives and some national peculiarities and finally we will get the EUROPEAN GEODETIC SURVEYORS ACT, ID card of our



profession in Europe, a document that defines and describes the core competences, qualifications, profile and expertise of a professional geodetic surveyor, anywhere in Europe.

A lot of people see Europe as the far away Brussels and as the European administration, but we want to use the advantages of Europe to the benefit of our profession and also to the benefit of the whole European society.

There are still big differences in the position of geodetic surveyors depending on the part of Europe where they work.

We will analyse all variants of the organisation of our profession in individual countries and propose and support with arguments the best solution for organising the surveying profession in Europe. And with the experience we have and with your support I am sure that we are on the right path towards a European surveyor.

Since many years, I have been cooperating with Valeriu Manolache, Cornel Paunescu, and more recently with Mr. Ionut Savoiu, Secretar de Stat, or vice Minister of Transportation. CLGE wishes you a fruitful Conference, and long life to the Romanian Association of Private Surveyors, long life to the Romanian Union of Geodesy, long life to the Romanian NMCA, or, in one sentence, long life to Romanian Geodesy.

Traiasca geodezia romaneasca.