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To the Presidents of CLGE Member Associations,  
To our Partners and Friends, in Europe and in the World

Dear Presidents and Friends,

### **Seville Declaration on Blue Surveying - call to action and invitation to special session at FIG Working Week 2023**

You might remember that the '[Seville Declaration on Blue Surveying](#)' was approved at our most recent CLGE General Assembly following the VIII CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor - 'Blue Surveying'.

The objective of the 'Seville Declaration' and of CLGE is to stimulate, at all levels of geodetic surveying (European, national and local), commitment to sustainable thinking, behaviour and outcomes in all our activities, and to continually identify new ways to protect our precious natural resources.

Our Declaration summarises the issues relating to the sustainable management of the finite water resources across Europe and worldwide. It makes clear the responsibility of all surveyors to be ambassadors for the promotion and implementation of its sustainability principles across, our profession, our activities, our education, our youth and at all levels of government throughout Europe and the World.

During the Workshop on Blue Surveying, the causes of global warming and climate change were explored as phenomena that have been producing devastating effects across the planet for many years and connected to human activity.

Simply acknowledging the threats we all face is clearly not sufficient to avert future disastrous consequences. We will only achieve positive change through action such as embracing the principles of the Declaration and practicing them in our daily lives. The application of professional ethics, as well as compliance with all laws and regulations to protect our environment will help us to understand and mitigate our impact. We should also promote our commitment to sustainability in communications with all our stakeholders to encourage others to follow our lead.

It's therefore with great delight that CLGE announces that this topic has inspired much international interest. We are organising a special session on 'Blue Surveying' in collaboration with FIG - the International Federation of Surveyors - as part of their Working Week programme which will take



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place in Orlando FL, from 28 May to 1 June 2023. We warmly invite those of you who will be present to join us. We will provide further details in due course.

CLGE kindly requests you to share the Seville Declaration (please see attached and online) universally with your own members and to promote it widely in your conferences, meetings, publications, etc. to raise awareness of its values and to foster behaviour in line with its objectives. As a very tangible objective we would be grateful if you could make sure that all water-management related topics get more attention in the surveying education in your country, equally at the level of initial curricula and continued professional development.

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