



## *The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors*

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To CLGE Members, Delegates and European Surveyors,

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This year was a quick one again ...  
maybe because it was quite dynamic year or maybe there is some truth in the fact that the older you get, the faster time goes by.

Our professional life goes on and on, most colleagues report that they are busy as never before. The resource "time" is scarce, or should we change our priorities?

Even if the pandemic is still ongoing, at a much lower and less frightening pace though, we've learned to live with it.

Unfortunately, last year's "black swan" allegory hasn't vanished, on the contrary, it is more applicable than ever. In last year's wishes, the new normal was announced. This new normal requires more flexibility from all parts of society. Over time experiences accumulate, we are developing the required skills to prevail with CLGE's agenda. Again we managed to organize our main events, live and with success.

The General Assemblies in Oradea and Paris gathered an impressive number of delegates. They all went home with splendid memories and, more importantly, with plans for new and ambitious goals.

After our exceptional "Blue Surveying" success in 2022 – with very positive effects on the global level in 2023 – we've organised the IX CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor, concentrating on the theme of the year 2023: "The Role of Geodetic Surveyors in Disaster Management". Again we have gathered a number of highly respected speakers and moderators. We've reached important conclusions, rendered in the Paris Declaration, paving the way to new challenges for our profession.

The CLGE Young Surveyors' Contest 2023, with a concurrent Young Surveyors' Meeting, encountered a tremendous success that will be difficult to beat. Again we broke the record number of entries and the closing ceremony, organised during the INTERGEO exhibition in Berlin, was grandiose. The incoming Young Surveyors' Team did a great job.



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As decided by our General Assembly in Paris, the theme of next year will be “Skills for tomorrow: are we ready?”. We will promote this Theme and ask our Member Associations to work on it at the national and regional level. The Theme fits nicely with the European Year of Skills that will be closed in May 2024.

During next year, we will also concentrate on EGSAct (the European Geodetic Surveyors’ Act) and develop CLGE's vision of the European geodetic surveyor of the future. I remind you that our goal is to show Europe how important our profession is. While we are convinced, it is our mission to persuade our stakeholders and the general public as well.

In the name of CLGE’s Executive Board and staff, I wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024.

Sincerely yours,

Vladimir Krupa  
CLGE President