



Minutes of the project's "European requirements toward to cadastral surveyors activities" kick off meeting

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1 Agenda

- Tour de table
- Setting the scene (Saulius Urbanas, EuroGeographics)
- Review of available national and international initiatives (all participants)
- Discussion on the project deliverables
- Discussion on the workplan
- Outcomes and the meeting summary

2 Supporting documents

- [Draft project outline "European requirements toward to cadastral surveyors activities"](#)
- [EuroGeographics workshop on the role of the Land Surveyor and associated regulatory framework, 23 - 24 March 2006, Vilnius, Lithuania](#)
- Multilateral Agreement on mutual recognition of professional qualification of Public Appointed geometers (see www.geometer-europas.org)
- Survey on national structures of surveyors profession (internal GE web-pages)

- [The education and practice of the geodetic surveyors in Western Europe \(Allan Report, 1995,\)](#) performed by CLGE, see www.clge.eu
- WPLA report on Public/Private partnership in land administration

CLGE and GE Market Report about the market of surveying in Europe, published 2003

3 Summary

Summary of decisions and findings	
num.	Decisions or findings
1.	Extend EuroGeographics inventory document collecting more information about requirements, legal framework and qualification of cadastral surveyors in Europe
2.	Based on the extended inventory and other available reports produce a list of common characteristics of cadastral surveyors, and a summary of future developments (trends) in regard to cadastral surveyor's activities.

Summary of actions			
Num	Actions	Who	Deadline
1.	Produce a draft questionnaire	SU	Jan 2007
2.	Review the questionnaire (email exchange) and complete answers for own country	All	Feb 2007
3.	Produce final questionnaire	SU	26 Feb 2007
4.	Distribute the questionnaire to EG, GE and CLGE members (deadline for answers – end of March)	SU, GS and RK	28 Feb 2007
5.	Produce an extended draft inventory document	EGHO	9th April 2007
6.	Meeting- review the inventory, generate conclusions and trends	All	17-18 April 2007
7.	Editing, preparation of the final report	All	April-May 2007
8.	Final report	EGHO, SU	June 2007

9. Minutes of the meeting (eventually)

Participants reviewed diversity ranges comparing national requirements for cadastral surveyors in Europe. Requirements for education vary from 2years (LT, LA) to 5 years (FR, DE) followed by terms of practice and sometimes by examinations.

It was agreed to focus on “cadastral surveyors” activities (i.e. surveyors to fulfil tasks for property registration systems as subdivision documents, collection of data for maintenance of land registries or cadastre) only, leaving aside valuation, precision geodetic measurements, GIS etc. In a number of countries (AU, FR, DE) a strong collaboration between public and private sector players is developed under mutual benefits. New EU regulations (e.g. - the Service directive) move forward market demands for cadastral surveying in Europe and private sector acts strongly meeting the new challenges/opportunities. However the biggest variation in Europe appear between privately operated cadastral surveyors, so the project collecting and analysing requirements and issues of the cadastral surveying shall not limit within NMCAs, but as much as possible involve private sector's actors. Aiming to better understand a state of the art and future tendencies the questionnaire shall be produced expecting to collect more information about:

- minimum education (a need of university study)
- duration of studies and entrance level
- liability matters (who is legally responsible for mistakes in land registration data)
- insurance requirements for professionals
- who grants licenses
- which law describes cadastral surveying?
- which law stipulates a permission or responsibility for person executing collection of land registration or cadastral data
- national title of “cadastral surveyors”
- is any additional check on the top pf cadastral surveyors work?

It was concluded that the inventory document should be maximally filled from the available source information. However the questionnaire will be very useful for the outdated and non-collected information. The questionnaire shall be divided:

- Educational requirements
- Legal framework
- Licensing
- Supervision

It was noted that because of ongoing processes of property restitution in some European countries there are direct influences on cadastral surveyors' activities in Eastern European countries (LT, LA).

Possible location of the April meeting – Paris, Innsbruck or Brussels.