

The CLGE Code of Professional Qualification for Property Surveyors a Harmonisation of Best Practices in Europe

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SUMMARY

With this paper, the authors present the Code of Professional Qualifications for Property Surveyors developed by CLGE. This Code is the successor of the Accord Multilateral, created in the early years 2000, under the auspices of Geometer Europas, and promoted with the support of its sister association CLGE. The two organisations have merged in 2010 and this has led to the idea to modernise the initial Accord.

On the 23th November 2004, the then 7 member countries of Geometer Europas decided to sign this Multilateral Accord. They were later joined by 8 other countries, making it a total of 15 CLGE member as signatories.

CLGE has updated the initial code and on 16 March 2016, it was solemnly signed by most of the members of the CLGE Interest Group – Publicly Appointed and Regulated Liberal Surveyors. These IG-PARLS members agreed unanimously about the content of the new Code, but for practical reasons, the missing members would join later on.

In the same way as the initiators of the Accord, the signatory associations aim for high qualifications for the admission to the profession of European Property Surveyor and by doing this they want to promote the mobility of the profession in Europe and beyond.

In this abstract, the full code is of course not presented, but since it's published on CLGE's website it can be read without any difficulty. The Code also called CPQPS has already been approved by 18 CLGE members, one of them chose to sign the letter of intent to join.

The formula of the professional qualifications property surveyors are striving for holds in one

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line:

Property Surveyor = Master (5 years) + Traineeship (2 years) + Final Examination. On top of this, there should be an oath, an ethical code, an independent penalty board, mandatory CPD, a liability insurance and a quality control.

The presentation of the code at the FIG Congress in Warsaw would undoubtedly contribute to a better understanding of the ceremony CLGE is intending to organise at this occasion. Indeed, currently, at least one of the leading Surveying Associations has decided to sign the Code of Professional Qualifications for Property surveyors and we hope that others will join soon.

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