

The Importance of Professional Chambers in Europe and the World

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SUMMARY

In 2015, CLGE has started a study about the governance of the surveying profession and particularly property surveying profession.

We've noticed that very diverse models prevail in Europe, ranging from a professional governance organised by the state, mostly the national cadastral agencies, to self-regulating associations, via systems in which the state charges a legal but private body to regulate the profession. In a minority of CLGE member states, there's only poor regulation, and the associations are still too weak to self-regulate the profession.

The study has analysed the rights and responsibilities of the national organisations and their relation with local organisations or associations in 9 CLGE countries, i.e. about 25%.

The difficulty was to make the difference between the diverse legal systems. The classification that was used was based on the following list: Unincorporated associations, Incorporated or registered associations, Chambers, State associations / bodies.

With the recent creation (March 2023) of two chambers (Belgium and Czech Republic), CLGE thinks that time is ripe to resume this study.

Our intention is to present our initial findings and propose an approach to refine and expand our preliminary study.

We are convinced that the three above-mentioned approaches have advantages and disadvantages. It might be interesting to learn from each other and to implement good practices from one system in

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the others.

The two recent chamber creations are a remarkable fact. We will also analyse why this model seems to be preferred in recent years.

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