Ordre des Géomètres-Experts
Responsibilities of the OGE

- Representation of the profession to public authorities
- Monitoring of the profession’s practice
- Defense of the moral interests of the profession
The OGE is administered by

- A Higher Council
- 18 Regional Councils (included overseas departments)
- A Government representative
1st Article
of the 7th of May 1946 Law

• The Géomètre Expert carries out all the surveys and the topographical works required to lay down the limits of the landed property; according to this assignment, he draws up, at any scale and under any shape required, maps and topographical documents relating to the definition of the rights linked to landed property, such as division, sharing out, sale, and exchange of estate maps, as well as land delimitation plans;

• The Géomètre Expert undertakes the surveys, the topographical, technical and geographical documents in the framework of public or private contracts for territorial development; he also carries out all technical operations and surveys related to the valuation, management or development of landed property.
Géomètre-Expert, a wide range of skills

- Boundary delimitation (divisions, sharing out, cadastre…)
- Rural development (agricultural and land development,…)
- Urban development (allotment, mixed housing development zones,…)
- Urban planning (communal maps, urban procedures,…)
- Real estate (management, mediation, diagnosis, expertise)
- Engineering and project managing (utilities, civil engineering,…)
- Topography (layouts, bathymetrical surveys,…)

Geographical information (GIS,…).
Professional practice

- **Principles**: entrusted with a public service mission – free installation – no number limitation

- **Practice methods**: either individual or corporate

- **Several companies are accepted**: SCP - SA/SELAFA - SARL/SELRAL/EURL
A wide range of customers

- Private
- Professionals
- Building companies
- Private companies
- Private planners
- Part government-owned establishments
- Communes and public planners
- Departmental and regional councils
- State – Ministries
Training: 7 years after Secondary level
OGE’s partners

- Equipment Ministry, OGE’s guardian (urban planning)
- Budget Ministry (Cadastre)
- Environment Ministry (major hazards)
- National Geographical Institute (mapping, geodesy)
- Associations of local authorities (AMF, ADF, AITF,...)
- Related professions (notaries, architects, estate agents, housing developers,...)
OGE is member of:

Liaison committee of the French Ordres (CLIO)
- National Council of Liberal Professions (CNPL)
- National Council for Geographical Information (CNIG)
- Professional Office for Urban Planning Qualifications (OPQU)
- Research Group for Urban Planning (GRIDAUH)
A network of international contacts

• Liaison Committee of European Surveyors (20 countries)
• Geometer Europas (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Switzerland)
• European Council of Liberal Professions (headed by OGE)
• Permanent delegation in Brussels (Cobaty-International)
• International Federation of Surveyors (88 countries)

Geoexpert (association of French surveyors for export)
A few figures ...

• Total turnover: 600 Million Euros
• Private customers: 25%
• 1918 Géomètres Experts, 56% in a company
Average number of staff per cabinet: 5,8 persons
Total turnover by activity in 2001

2001 Year

Topography: 31%
Land issues: 30%
Urban planning: 12%
Rural development: 7%
Engineering: 6%
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