

Danish Surveyors 250 Years in the Service of Society to Be a Profession – That's the Answer

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SUMMARY

In 1768, Denmark's first two legitimate surveyors was appointed by decree of His Royal Highness King Christian 7th to conduct property surveys of the country– partly for the purposes of land reform for agricultural development partly correct basis for property taxation. A profession was born.

For 250 years, the surveying profession has appeared in the focal point of significant societal development and change processes and has helped to “shape” Denmark through provision of basic infrastructural tasks that create the foundation for vital functions in society, not least security about property rights. What is yours and what is mine.

When the Danish surveyors has maintained and developed this position as appointed surveyor with the exclusive right to carry out cadastral work - formation and change of real property - it is not least that the profession has managed to achieve a strong profile and position in the professional field.

This presentation outlines the overall characteristics of a profession and the areas / characteristics that define a profession, which must be profiled and positioned to acquire or maintain a field of rights.

Next, more specifically the Danish surveyor's professional profile and professional role in society as well as the "profession-markers" are described.

In conclusion, it is argued that the surveyor's ability to support UN SDG is strengthened when surveyors act as an impartial and holistic profession.

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