



What are the benefits to be drawn from an application?

- Supporting the UNESCO ideal of social and international peace in the world
- Raising awareness of boundaries and boundary marks in society
- Promoting sustainable land administration
- Creating a model for countries where such institutions are missing or insufficient
- Increasing ethical behaviour among the professionals and institutions in charge of land administration
- Fostering international and interdisciplinary cooperation

Austria has already taken the first steps in making the application to UNESCO. The project is open to any other country to join now or at a later stage. The application will contain all facts of international significance, such as history, description of land administration systems, definition of terms and a bibliography. The relevance of boundaries and boundary marks, as an outstanding human-technical achievement of extraordinary universal value, has to be justified, so as to fulfil the criteria of UNESCO for being accepted for the World Heritage List. In a second part of the application the focus will be on the specific items related to Austria. Countries

joining at a later stage may refer to the first part and use the second part as a model for presenting their own system in their own application.

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European Young Surveyors together for tomorrow's challenges

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A large number of participants were inspired and many new friends were made!

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The first FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting was held in Lisbon, Portugal from 17th to 18th October 2013. Around 150 young surveyors from 32 countries gathered together to work towards a European Network of Young Surveyors.

During the 2 days the mornings focused on keynote speeches. Later in the day the Young Surveyors were invited to join forces and work together towards a European vision for the Network. The young surveyors took over their role in shaping their future by sharing their thoughts and ideas on ongoing and future projects. It was a great opportunity for the young surveyors to learn more about FIG and CLGE.

This meeting was an opportunity to introduce new presentation styles. This created a dynamic environment and challenged the presenters. For many of them it was the first time they had given presentations in English in front of such a large number (over 150) of participants. With FIG and CLGE being major initiators in establishing the European Network and participating in the meeting themselves, the Young Surveyors were made aware of the importance of being involved with their national associations. Showing the benefits of being involved and active within the national associations inspired some Young Surveyors so much that they couldn't wait to get back to their home countries and start establishing a Young Surveyors Network. All the participants and organizers are keen to take the next steps and work together for the Network.

The event was organized by the Ordem dos Engenheiros (OE) and the FIG Young Surveyors Network represented by Eva-Maria Unger (Austria) and Paula Dijkstra (the Netherlands). Of course this event wouldn't have been possible without all the help and support of the sponsors, participants, trainers and keynote speakers

