

# The Role of the Surveyor in the Informal Mediation

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## SUMMARY

The role of the land surveyor is very important in resolving simple property disputes concerning the property boundaries or differences originated from land register entries.

The ownership dispute has made a big circle since it started as a technical issue, continued for a long time as legal only to end up again as technical that needs special technical knowledge to resolve.

In order to resolve such problems outside the courts we propose the implementation of the informal mediation procedures with experienced surveyor engineers.

We call it an informal one because at the outset of appeals, starts a legal mediation procedure which is done by legal certified mediators who, of course, do not know the specific technical issues of such cases and therefore do not usually thrive.

For the above reasons, EGOS has decided to issue a relevant directive to its members in order to assist them in further exercising the specific service of the informal mediation.

In the paper we describe some relative proposals and also some criteria for the surveyors in the role of mediators, just to provide a framework for further discussion with a view to drawing up a relevant directive for our members and possibly a corresponding European directive.

Our goal is the society to trust the professional surveyor engineer more than the public services.

For the confidence of the society we have to work by showing responsibility and social sensitivity.