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# **Regulatory & Compliance Law, Missions of a Professional Order**

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A French surveying profession  
organized in Order

## What is a professional Order ?



Neither a **trade union** nor an **association**



A **legal entity governed by law** and **entrusted with a public service mission**

And **brings together all the members** of the profession



## OGE's Key information & figures

**16 professional Orders are existing in France in 2024**  
(notaries, lawyers, architects, doctors, nurses, dentists...)

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**Ordre des géomètres-experts (OGE)** was created by Law 7 May 1946

**1,850**

Number of géomètres-experts registered

**15**

OGE's permanent team of **15 employees**, head office in **Paris**

**+200**

Number of géomètres-experts contributing to OGE's activities  
(on both regional and national levels)



## OGE's Strategic Vision

***« Intensify and deploy the expertise of geomètres-experts in the service of the living environment to meet climate, environmental and societal challenges »***

- To increase the attractiveness and development of the profession;
- To become a key player in matters relating to land ownership, development and management;
- Diversify skills to invest in innovative and promising markets;
- Encourage innovation and research in relation with the University;
- To guarantee a high level of vocational and on-the-job training.



# OGE's Missions



**Administrative role**



**Disciplinary role**



**Regulatory role**



**Representative role**



**Promotion and information role**



## What is Compliance?

Competition law views **professional orders** (and chambers) as **exceptions**, or even as obstacles to competition

**A more modern and dynamic approach is possible**, in line with the more general evolution of economic law



## What is Compliance?

Generally speaking, **Compliance** is the **deployment of preventive procedures** that allow companies or organisations to avoid exposing themselves to financial and reputational risks



# A paradigm shift



**Ex-ante  
regulatory body**



**GOUVERNEMENT**

*Liberté  
Égalité  
Fraternité*

**Supervisor**



**Ex-post control  
bodies**



ORDRE DES  
GÉOMÈTRES-EXPERTS



## Defining its *‘Raison d’Être’*

The more **UNCERTAIN** the future (“permacrisis” concept), the more **USEFUL** the institution, in that it is anchored, solid and recognizable by its members and third parties

The **“Raison d’Être”** must say in a few words **what OGE is** and **what is common to ALL its members.**



## Defining the Monumental Goals

Defining the **concrete** and **highly ambitious** goals it pursues: the **Monumental Goals**

Applying to surveying profession:

- Managing and protecting territory and living environment
- Fighting against global warming
- Preserving of human rights
- Regulating data



# Edicting a code of "soft law"



## Soft law characteristics

Flexible

Not subject to strict rules of interpretation

Responsive to changing or evolving circumstances

Dispositive in nature, that is, usually binding on individuals by entering a contract such as an agreement to mediate

Involve a wide range of regulatory actors and experts

## Hard law characteristics

Fixed

Subject to strict legal rules of interpretation

Limited scope to respond to changing or evolving circumstances

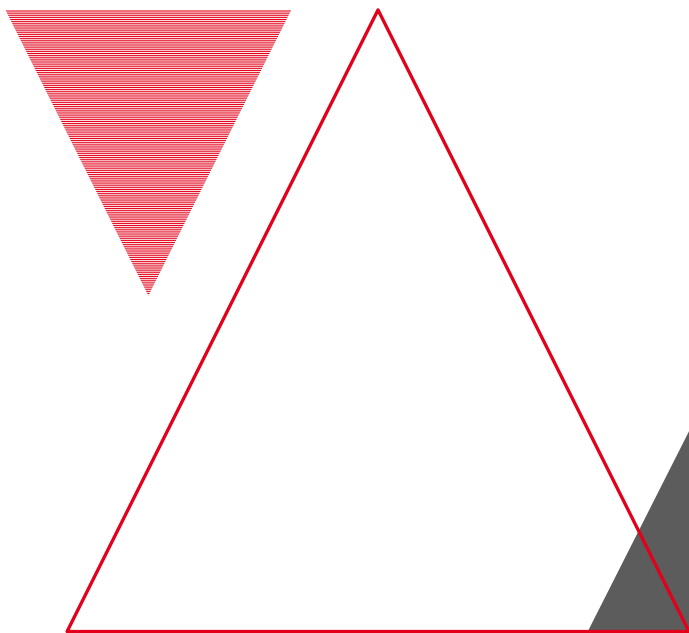
May be dispositive or mandatory in nature

Involve a narrower field of regulatory actors and experts, particularly in the last stages of making a law final



1. **Raising awareness** of OGE's management bodies about “Compliance”
2. **Articulating the OGE's ‘*Raison d'Etre*’** and that of the profession, its adaptation by the géomètre-expert, its supervision and dissemination by OGE
3. **Elaboration and dissemination of a written questionnaire** and a face-to-face interviews
4. **Academic publication** on the theme of “*Raison d'Etre et géomètre-expert*”
5. **Draw up a soft law document** in which OGE expresses the unity of the “*Raison d'Etre*”, its practical modalities and its future.





**Thank you for your  
attention**

