

# Developing a Roadmap for ASEAN Mutual Recognition

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## **SUMMARY**

The current Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Framework Arrangement for the Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualifications (Framework Arrangement), signed by all ASEAN Member States on 19th November 2007, provides the framework and basis for Member States to negotiate bilateral and pluri-lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs). This Framework Arrangement approach is unique. Whilst other professions in the region, such as Engineering, have been able to develop an ASEAN MRA (without the preliminary step of a Framework Arrangement), the unique situation of surveying, in particular the role of cadastral surveyors, has limited progress towards an ASEAN MRA on Surveying Services. The Framework Arrangement has not of itself enabled Member States to progress individual (bilateral) MRAs.

Land Equity International (LEI) was contracted from May 2015 through to November 2015 to address this gap, with the ultimate objective to develop a roadmap to enhance the mobility of ASEAN Professionals on Surveying Services. This paper presents a summary of the findings of the project, which confirmed that a long term vision for mobility and mutual recognition requires appropriate education, professional competencies and institutions.