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Confidence into the acquis for the „sectoral professions“

.....a perspective with regard to physicians.....

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■ Challenges....

- ...simplification of the existing system of professional qualifications
- ...facilitation of access of professionals to the internal market
- ...enhancement of the trust in the system

enhancement of trust

- **Mutual trust is the key to the success of the directive**

- **No trust means....**
 - ...no successful practical implementation
 - ...no facilitation of migration
 - ...no enhanced safety for patients!

21) Does the current minimum training harmonisation offer a real access to the profession?

- **Yes! The medical profession is a prime example of the advantages of automatic recognition**

22) ..need to modernise minimum training requirements?...limited set of competencies?

- **Medicine is a fast evolving profession...**
 - ...in all countries medical education is adapted continually
 - ...development in 27 member states would rather be hindered by harmonisation....

- **Adaptation and modernisation of minimum training requirements should remain with the member states**

22) ..need to modernise minimum training requirements?...limited set of competencies?

- **But there are some amendments worth thinking of.... (Article 24)**

- ...it should be clarified that six years or 5.500 hours are to be understood cumulatively
- ...”adequate knowledge” and “suitable clinical experience” should be formulated more precisely
- ...a final exam should be mandatory

22) ..need to modernise minimum training requirements?...limited set of competencies?

- **But there are some amendments worth thinking of.... (Article 25 and Annexes)**
 - ...minimum training periods vary from three to five years
- **Generally, all minimum periods should amount to five years!**

22) ..need to modernise minimum training requirements?...limited set of competencies?

- **There is no need for a listing of individual competencies in the directive...**
 - ...this would form a uniform standard
 - ...this would be very slow and complicated to amend
 - ...this would curtail national “hues and customs”

- **However: Transparency is essentially needed!**

23) ..more transparency about future qualifications?

- **Yes: transparency of existing and future qualifications is essentially needed!**
 - ...a European database or a set of open webbased platforms are necessary to be transparent to other member states

23) ..more transparency about future qualifications?

- **How do transparency and harmonisation interact?**
 - ...if a transparent database makes it evident that minimum training requirements are very diverse the question of harmonisation will be put...
 - ...a transparent database leaves chances for national adaptation...
- **Transparency therefore is a chance to avoid harmonisation**
- **There is no need for a “european curriculum” for physicians (Q15)**

23) ..more transparency about future qualifications?

- **How do transparency and harmonisation interact?**

- **After a trial period of five years the effects of modernisation of the directive should be assessed in the light of....**
 - transparency
 - equality
 - quality of standards

24) ..system for notifying new diplomas be overhauled? ...at an earlier stage?

- **Overall the system is a success, but.....**
 - ...reactions to new developments must be faster and more flexible....
 - ...frequency of publishing amendments of 2005/36/EC has to be increased...
 - ...maintain a list of outdated specialty designations with a cross-reference to keep track of current and former titles....

28) ..IMI...?

- **IMI is a success....**

- But not in all countries.....

- ...in some countries identification of relevant competent authority is difficult (Germany has approx. 50 C.A.)
- ...some countries don't react...
- ...or don't react timely enough...

28) ..IMI...?

- **...proactive automatic warning vs. Information on demand**
 - ...national data protection laws have to be observed...
 - ...only relevant and well applied information will lead to necessary reactions

- **There have to be good reasons for the information and a relevant recipient of the news....**

30) Language?

- **Sufficient knowledge of the language(s) is a necessary prerequisite for a relationship of trust between patients and physicians. It is therefore a contribution to patient safety!**
- **However: language prerequisite must not be (mis)used as a tool to impede mobility and migration**

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