

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Hearing on the public consultation launched by the Internal Market and Services
DG, European Commission

21 February 2011, Brussels

Programme

- 8.30 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 – 9.40 Welcome address
**Jonathan FAULL, Director General for Internal Market and Services,
European Commission**
- 9.40 – 9.50 Introduction into the session
**Jürgen TIEDJE, Head of Unit, Professional Qualifications, European
Commission**
- 9.50 – 10.00 Short overview of activities in the European Parliament
**Tjalling DE VRIES, Secretariat of the Committee on the Internal
Market and Consumer Protection, European Parliament**

Session 1 - The citizen who moves: which challenge is the citizen facing?

The speakers will discuss the second section of the consultation document ("*A call for simplification*"). In particular, they will be invited to present the concrete problems faced by citizens in the recognition of their qualifications and the mechanisms in place to inform and assist them with the procedures.

- 10.00 – 11.30 A perspective from "Your Europe Advice"
**Antoine FOBE, Expert at "Your Europe Advice", author of the report
"The mobility of professionals in practice" (February 2010)**

A perspective from a National Contact Point
Kitty WIGLEVEN, National Contact Point, The Netherlands

A perspective from SOLVIT
Mafalda DE SIQUEIRA, SOLVIT Centre, Portugal

The Point of Single Contact under the Services Directive
Florent TOURNOIS, Point of Single Contact, France

Questions & Answers

11.30 – 11.45 **Coffee Break**

Session 2 - An overall perspective from Member States

Representatives from Member States will be invited to give their first views on all the issues raised by the Commission in the consultation document.

11.45 – 12.45 **Michal JANEBA, Deputy Minister for Regional Development, Czech Republic**

Andrew VAN DER LEM, Deputy Director, Department for Business Innovation & Skills, UK

Miguel FERNANDEZ DIEZ, Subdirector General, Ministry of Economy & Enterprises, Spain

Questions & Answers

12.45 – 13.45 **Sandwich buffet lunch**

Session 3 - The professions and the Single Market: a perspective from professionals

The speakers will be invited to present their views on the third section of the consultation document ("*Integrating professionals into the Single Market*"), in particular on the introduction of a European professional card, on the development of European curricula, numbers of regulated professions and on temporary mobility.

13.45 - 15.15 **A perspective with regard to engineers**
Lars BYTOFT, President of FEANI (European Federation of National Engineering Associations)

A perspective with regard to real estate professions
Frans AJ BURGERING, Immediate Past President of CEPI (European Council of Real Estate Professions)

A perspective with regard to craft professions
Anton BAUCH, Head of Legal Department, ZDH (German Confederation of Skilled Crafts and Small Business)/ UEAPME (The European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises)

Questions & Answers

Session 4: Confidence into the acquis for the "sectoral professions"

The speakers will be invited to discuss the issues raised in the fourth section of the consultation document ("*Injecting more confidence into the system*"), in particular the modernisation of the system of automatic recognition based on harmonisation of minimum training requirements and any links with more recent educational reforms.

15.15 – 17.00 A perspective with regard to nurses and midwives
Roger THOMPSON, Director, Nursing & Midwifery Council, UK

A perspective with regard to doctors
Dr. Frank Ulrich MONTGOMERY, Vice President of the German Medical Association

Prof. Robert NICODEME, Conseil National de l'Ordre des Médecins, France

A perspective from universities
Lesley WILSON, Secretary General of EUA (European University Association)

Prof. James HORAN, Head of School, Dublin School of Architecture

Dr Argyro KAVADELLA, Member of the Executive Committee of ADEE (Association for Dental Education in Europe)

Questions & Answers

17.00 – 17.15 Closing Remarks
Margot FRÖHLINGER, Director Knowledge-based Economy, DG Internal Market and Services, European Commission