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STEERING GROUP ON THE EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL CARD

SIXTH MEETING – 13 SEPTEMBER 2011

Meeting Report

The sixth meeting of the Steering Group on the European Professional Card took place in Brussels on 13 September 2011. The meeting was chaired by J. Tiedje, Head of Unit 'Free movement of professionals,' DG Internal Market and Services.

Introduction

The Chairman debriefed participants on recent developments and recalled that the period of consultation on the Commission's Green Paper on the modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive ends on 20 September.

E. du Chalard (Commission) presented **PowerPoint slides illustrating the possible functioning of the professional card** (*attached below*), in particular setting out the role of IMI (Internal Market Information system). The slides were presented for information and discussion purposes only and do not represent an official position of the Commission.

State of play of the case studies on doctors, engineers, nurses, and physiotherapists; presentation of papers on mountain guides, pharmacists and real estate agents

Individual rapporteurs presented **updated versions of the respective sub-groups' case studies** – G. Raptis (doctors), T. Koutroubas (engineers), P. De Raeve (nurses), M. Seale (physiotherapists).

Updated papers on the pharmacist and real estate professions were also presented – R. Payne (mountain guides), P. Fortuit (pharmacists), X. Ortegat (real estate agents).

Discussion in sub-groups

The sub-groups engaged in a discussion to finalise their work on the case studies on the implementation of a professional card in the context of their respective profession.

Conclusions from the discussion in sub-groups

The sub-group rapporteurs briefly outlined their discussions and set out their conclusions on finalising the case studies.

The **sub-group on tourist guides** was not able to agree on a way forward for producing a case study.

Single Market Forum (Krakow, Poland)

The Chairman discussed the work of the workshop on "Professional qualifications: The potential of a European Professional Card" at the upcoming **Single Market Forum** scheduled to take place on 3-4 October 2011. He noted the awareness-raising importance of this public event.

The workshop panel will include speakers for the professions of doctor, nurse and engineer. Paper copies of the finalised case studies will be made available to the audience.

Conclusions

On the basis of the case study presentations the Chairman summarised some **tentative conclusions**, also recalling the speech of Commissioner Barnier of October 2010:

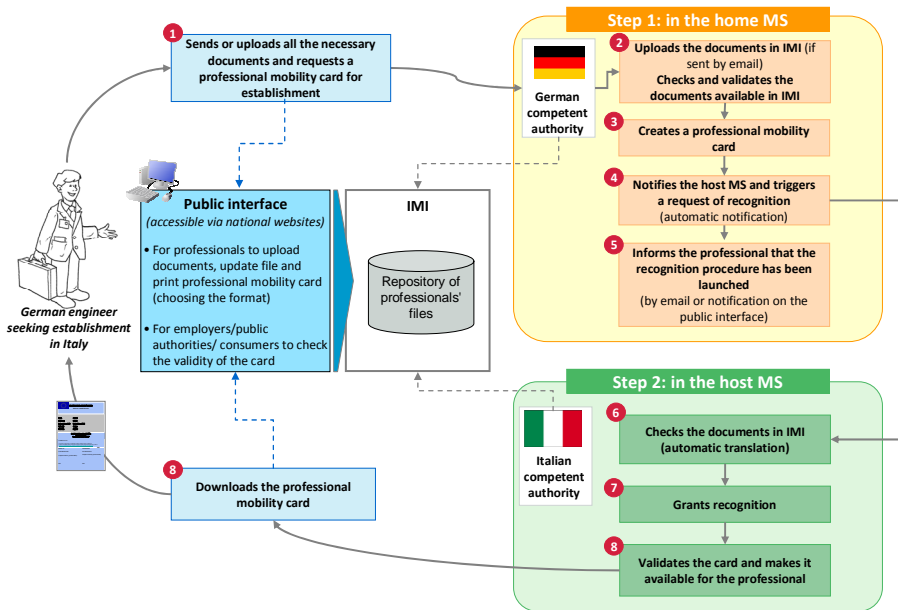
- a professional card should be **inclusive** - available to all professions and open to all members of a given profession (e.g., not only those qualifying under automatic recognition, or on the basis of a common platform, etc.);
- a professional card should **help enhance mutual trust among authorities in the Member States** – emphasis on putting in place a link with IMI and an e-repository, use of an automatic translation facility;
- a professional card should offer **advantages to recipients of professional services** (consumers, patients) – possibly through a public interface or public registrars; issuing an e-certificate and/or a physical card;
- an adequate **pilot project** of a professional card for a given profession would be the best means to identify and address issues relating to technical feasibility, legal and operational challenges.

Next steps

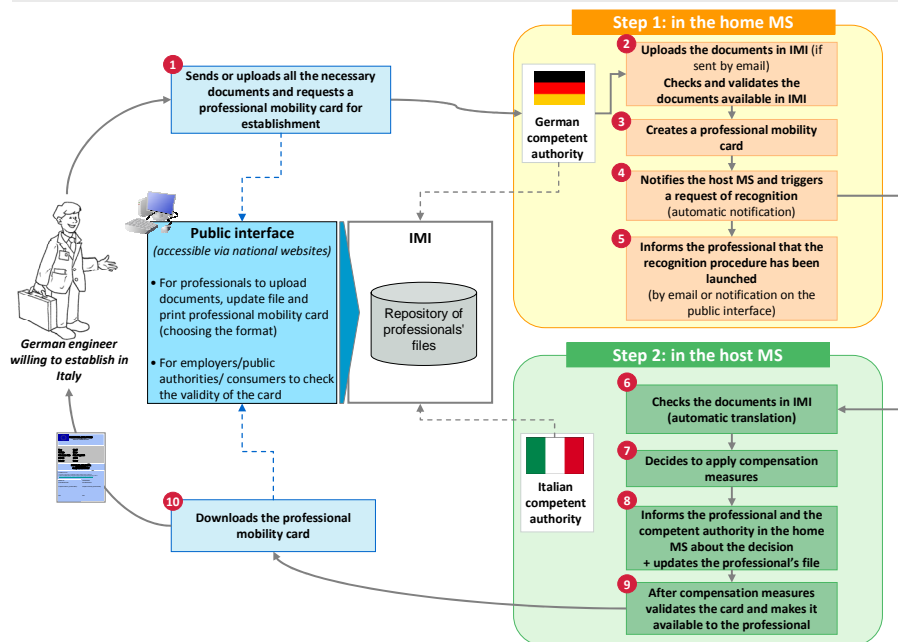
Attendees agreed to send in their **finalised case studies by 26 September**.

PowerPoint slides illustrating the possible functioning of the professional card

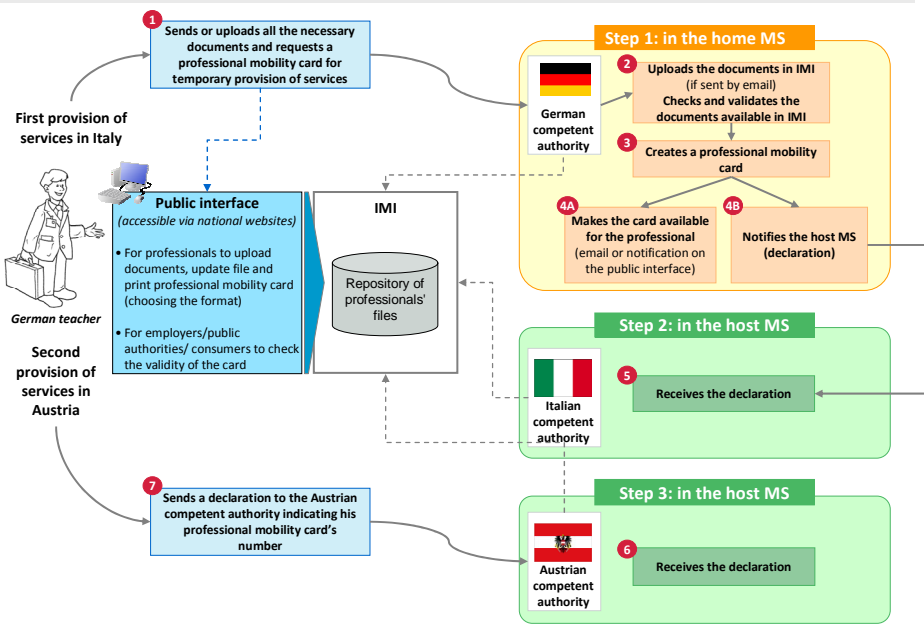
PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: ILLUSTRATION OF THE POSSIBLE FUNCTIONING CASE 1: Establishment- immediate recognition (without compensatory measures) (also valid for temporary mobility – article 7(4))



PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: ILLUSTRATION OF THE POSSIBLE FUNCTIONING CASE 2: Establishment- recognition submitted to compensation measures




**PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: ILLUSTRATION OF THE POSSIBLE FUNCTIONING
CASE 3: Temporary mobility**




PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: BENEFITS AND COSTS

Value added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceleration of recognition procedures Reduction of administrative burden for the professional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> possibility to make the recognition request online recognition request triggered by the home Member State (easier identification of the competent authority in the host Member State) declaration sent by the home Member State no need to translate documents (automatic translation) Involvement of the home Member State: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the verification of documents in the decision on compensation measures
Security features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Card for establishment issued by the home Member State and subject to validation by the host Member State Card valid only in conjunction presentation of an ID card or passport Repository of professional files in IMI accessible only to the relevant competent authorities of the home and host Member States Possibility for employers/authorities and consumers to check the validity of the card on a public interface (using card number and security code number) Information on the validity of the card linked to an alert mechanism (fitness to practice)
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of an electronic card: no extra costs for competent authorities or professionals Possible costs linked to the issue of a plastic card (depends on Member States) Costs linked to the development of a public interface


PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: EXAMPLE FOR ESTABLISHMENT

 PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD Valid for establishment	
Name	Schmidt
First Name	Michael
Date and place of birth	23 August 1974, Berlin
Nationality	German
Profession	Engineer
PROFESSIONAL CARD NUMBER: 3-800065-711135 Security code: 123457884897	
Conditions of use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This card is only valid in conjunction with an identity card or a passport. • Check the validity of this card online using the card number and the security code at : http://ec.europa.eu/professionalmobilitycard/check 	
ISSUED BY: Home Member State: Competent Authority (contact details): Date:	VALIDATED BY: Host Member State: Competent Authority (contact details): Date:

PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: EXAMPLE FOR TEMPORARY MOBILITY

 PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD Valid for temporary mobility	
Name	Schmidt
First Name	Michael
Date and place of birth	23 August 1974, Berlin
Nationality	German
Profession	Teacher
PROFESSIONAL CARD NUMBER: 3-800065-711135 Security code: 123457884697	
Conditions of use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This card is valid for temporary mobility in all EU Member States (except for cases covered by Article 7(4) of the Directive 2005/36/EC) • This card is only valid in conjunction with an identity card or a passport. • Check the validity of this card online using the card number and the security code at : http://ec.europa.eu/professionalmobilitycard/check 	
ISSUED BY: Home Member State: Competent Authority (contact details): Date of issue: Valid until:	

PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: EXAMPLE FOR TEMPORARY MOBILITY (art 7.4)

 PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD Valid for temporary mobility (only the cases covered by Art. 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC)	
Name	Schmidt
First Name	Michael
Date and place of birth	23 August 1974, Berlin
Nationality	German
Profession	Teacher
PROFESSIONAL CARD NUMBER: 3-800065-711135 Security code: 123457884697	
Conditions of use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This card is only valid in conjunction with an identity card or a passport. • Check the validity of this card online using the card number and the security code at : http://ec.europa.eu/professionalmobilitycard/check 	
ISSUED BY: Home Member State: Competent Authority (contact details): Date:	VALIDATED BY: Host Member State: Competent Authority (contact details): Date of issue: Valid until:

PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD: EXAMPLE OF PLASTIC CARD (TEMPORARY MOBILITY)

	PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD 3-800065-711135 Valid for temporary mobility
	Name: Schmidt First name: Michael Date and place of birth: 23 August 1974, Berlin Nationality: German Profession: Teacher Date of issue: 1 March 2012 Valid until: 1 March 2013
PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD NUMBER: 3-800065-711135 Security code: 123457884697	
Conditions of use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This card is valid for temporary mobility in all EU Member States (except for cases covered by Article 7(4) of the Directive 2005/36/EC • This card is valid only in conjunction with an identity card or a passport. • Check the validity of this card online using the card number and the security code at : http://ec.europa.eu/professionalmobilitycard/check 	
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