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**Public consultation on the modernisation of the Directive relating to the Recognition of Professional Qualifications has been launched**

As you know (CEPLIS Telegram 23/10), in the framework of the revision process of the Directive related to the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (2005/36/EC), a **public consultation** was to be launched by the European Commission's DG MARKT (Commissioner Michel Barnier pictured) at the beginning of this year. The document was finally published the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, and **stakeholders have now a deadline till the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 to give their positions.**

More specifically, the Commission's document is aiming at consulting stakeholders on three major challenges for the reform of the current system of recognition of professional qualifications :

1. simplifying the existing rules to the benefit of individual citizens;
2. integrating professions into the Single Market;
3. injecting more confidence into the system.

**In the framework of the consultation, the European Commission invites all interested parties to a public hearing with the objective to stimulate the debate and to discuss all issues raised in its document. The meeting will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February in Brussels (registration no later than 31<sup>st</sup> of January).**

*For more information related to the public consultation as well as the public hearing, please consult the following website:*

[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/consultations/2011/professional\\_qualifications\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2011/professional_qualifications_en.htm) or contact our Secretariat by phone (+32 2 511 44 39) or by e-mail ([ceplis@scarlet.be](mailto:ceplis@scarlet.be))



## **Agreement in sight on the Directive related to Patients's rights in cross-border healthcare**

According to French MEP **Françoise Grossetête** (PPE), known for her keen interests in all matters relevant to the professions of health, “a big step has been done last week in sight of the adoption of the Directive related to the patients's rights in cross-border healthcare”. For Ms Grossetête (picture enclosed), negotiations have been difficult but the Belgian Presidency of the European Council has facilitated Member States towards reaching a compromise.

This “*Belgian compromise*” settles the issue of reimbursement modes as well as the definition of the types of healthcare that cross-border patients are entitled to. Once officially adopted, the new Directive will bring a number of important improvements to European citizens seeking treatment across their borders:

1. complete and transparent information when a European patient will be in need of cross-border healthcare via the Single Points of Contacts
2. patients suffering from grave diseases will be able to benefit from an examination permitting to diagnose their case if means for such an examination are not available in their “home” Member State
3. any discrimination related to financial means amongst European citizens will be avoided as much as possible
4. a better cooperation between the Member States shall be organised.

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## News from our members

- **EUROCADRES's** Conference on the « European professional qualifications as recognition of the EU society » scheduled to take place the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January in Brussels. This conference is aiming at presenting the results of the « Implementing Cards for the Recognition of Professional Qualifications – a multi-stakeholder approach to enhance mobility» project, co-funded by the European Commission and undertaken by EUROCADRES and CEPLIS. *CEPLIS' Executive Board Member, Mr. Van Gompén (ECCO) will address the opening of the event on behalf of President Reignault while CEPLIS' Director General, Dr. Koutroubas, will moderate one of the round tables.*
- **European Federation of Osteopaths**, an active member of CEPLIS, is having its General Assembly meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of February at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels

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