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**DG MARKT pursues the evaluation process of the
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As you know, the European Commission has launched this year the process of evaluation of the Directive on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (2005/36/EC). The first major step of this process was the meeting organized between the European Commission's Directorate General in charge of the Internal Market and the Professional Organizations, the 17th of March 2010 in Brussels . A number of meetings between the European Commission and the competent authorities of the regulated professions are also being currently held.

In the context of this process, the European Commission is going to publish on its website (http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/internal_market/index_en.htm) the remarks and comments made by several amongst you when answering the evaluation questionnaire distributed some days after the March meeting. It was also announced that **DG MARKT is planning to hold a further meeting with Professional Organizations the 29th of October 2010.** The place and the time will be announced in the coming weeks.

Our Secretariat will of course keep you informed of any further evolution related to this process.

Communication from the Commission – Notification of evidence of formal qualifications.

The European Commission has recently published a Communication – Notification of evidence of formal qualifications relating to the Directive on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (2005/36/EC).

In the document in question, the European Commission reminds that the Directive foresees *“that Member States shall notify the Commission of the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions they adopt with regard to the issuing of evidence of formal qualifications in the fields covered by Chapter III of the Directive”* and that *“the Commission shall publish an appropriate communication in the Official Journal of the European Union, indicating the titles adopted by the Member States for evidence of formal qualifications and, where appropriate, the body which issues the evidence of formal qualifications concerned, the certificate which accompanies it and, where appropriate, the corresponding professional title referred to in Annex V, points 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.2.2, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.6.2 and 5.7.1 respectively”*.

According to the Communication, the following countries have notified changes to the titles of the following professions:

- **Doctors of medicine: Belgium, Finland**
- **Specialized doctors: Finland**
- **Medical specialities: Austria**
- **General practitioners: Netherlands**
- **Nurses responsible for general care: Austria**
- **Dental practitioners: Finland**
- **Pharmacists: Finland**
- **Architects: France, Italy, Hungary, Portugal**

For further information, please go to:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:129:0003:0009:EN:PDF>

News from our Members

- **Mr. Serge Coimbra**, a member of CEPLIS' Executive Board, was re-elected President of the Liaison Committee of the European Podiatrists (CLPUE) during their General Assembly in Amsterdam the 11th and 12th of May 2010. During this General Assembly the CLPUE has adopted a new denomination; the Liaison Committee of the European Podiatrists thus becomes now the **European Council of Podiatrists (ECP)**.

