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On the 22nd of June 2010, CEPLIS' Director General, Dr. Theodoros Koutroubas, met **Mr. Malcolm Harbour**, Member of the European Parliament, in his Brussels' Office. Mr. Harbour, who, as a member of the British Conservative Party, belongs to the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) currently chairs the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection.



The meeting was arranged following a seminar organized by the British Engineering Council in London the 24th of May 2010, at the occasion of which Mr. Harbour had the opportunity to exchange ideas on the future of the professions with Dr. Koutroubas.

After briefly presenting CEPLIS's works, the Director General has insisted on the need to have the specificities of our professions clearly acknowledged at the level of all relevant EU legislation. Dr. Koutroubas informed the MEP on the establishment of the Leeds Institute for Research on the Liberal Professions and sought his help for its recognition by the European Parliament as an "Institution of Community Interest".

Mr. Harbour has demonstrated a keen interest in the Leeds Institute project and asked to be familiarized with the works of CEPLIS on CPD, Social Dialogue and the European Professional Cards.

The Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection has suggested that **Continuous Professional Development** could become one of the key topic to be brought forward by one of the parliamentary research groups he is involved with.

Malcolm Harbour has also informed us on the launch of a study on the implementation of the **Directive on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications** (2005/36/EC) scheduled for the month of January 2011. He felt that there will be a complete review of the Directive in question due to all the serious difficulties met during the process of its implementation. According to him, the Directive 2005/36/EC does not anymore reflect the contemporary concerns on the field such as CPD.

On the issue of the **common platforms**, the MEP expressed its intention to produce a study on the reasons of the non implementation of art. 16 of the Directive 2005/36/EC. He offered to put us in contact with his colleague, Mrs. Bernadette Vergnaud – French MEP from the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D) and Vice-chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection who currently works on the platform as well.

Last but not least, **Mr. Harbour has announced the possible launch of a “Single Market Act”**. This act will be aiming at identifying the main problems relating to the access in the Internal Market. A public consultation on this Act will be launched earlier next year and the MEP made it clear that the “*door is open to any contribution*”.

“Services” Directive – Mutual evaluation process – Consultation to stakeholders.

As you know, the transposition deadline for the Services Directive has expired at the end of 2009. Since January of this year, all EU Member States are engaged, together with the European Commission, in a peer review process in order to evaluate certain aspects of their national legal frameworks applicable to services providers covered by the “Services” Directive. This innovative working method, known as the “mutual evaluation process”, was foreseen by the Directive. In the context of this process, **the European Commission has now launched a public consultation inviting interested stakeholders to share their analysis and comments on the national measures applicable to the establishment of services providers and to the cross-border provision of services.**

The consultation targets specific types of requirements imposed to services providers (the same that are being examined by Member States in the "mutual evaluation process"). Further details and explanations can be found in the consultation paper. In addition to this consultation paper and the questionnaire, you will find specific country fiches which aim at giving a brief overview and relevant samples of rules applicable to services providers in each Member State.

The consultation documents can be found by clicking on the following e-link:
http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2010/services_directive_en.htm

The press release issued by the Commission can be found by clicking on the following e-link:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/862&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Due to the strict deadlines imposed by the Directive for the whole process, the consultation deadline has been set for the 13th of September.

The contribution of your members to this consultation is important and we count on you to encourage them to reply to the questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could share your input with us!

News from our Members

- **Mr. Armand Gersanois**, member of CEPLIS' Executive Board and President of the European Federation of Osteopaths (EFO), has, jointly with Mr. Dominique Blanc, President of "Union Fédérale des Ostéopathes de France" (UFOF), awarded a special prize to the representatives of the French National Assembly and the Senate during the general assembly of the UFOF in Paris two weeks ago.

