



# European Affairs Engagements with the EU

**Directive on the mutual recognition of  
professional qualifications**

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## Where are we?



- 700 amendments were submitted to modify the proposal for a new directive published by the European Commission in December 2011.
- The vote was postponed twice because of political tensions and the sensitive issues of nurses and notaries
- Formal vote of the MEPs of the Commission of the European Parliament in charge of the Internal Market and Consumer protection in 23 January 2013



## MEP's position at a glance

- Creation of a European professional card : approved
  - The card will take the form of a European certificate which will be issued by the home Member State, and will be based on the IMI system.
- Alert mechanism : approved
  - alert mechanism, via the IMI system, will allow the Member States to know whose professionals are banned from the right to exercise their profession. Guarantees of presumption of innocence were however added.
- Partial access : approved but modified.
  - Partial access will not apply to the professions with an automatic recognition of diplomas (7 out of 800 regulated professions) and if the professional is not fully qualified in his/her home Member State.



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- Common frameworks for training : approved
  - But this new mechanism will exempt the professionals from compensation measures.
- Notaries : partially included
  - the notaries will be partially included within the scope of application of the directive as regards the provisions on the freedom of establishment but the provisions on the free provision of services will not apply to them.
- Trainees : included within the scope of application of the directive
  - Whether paid or not paid



## Next steps

- This proposal for a directive will be discussed within the Council of the European Union (which gathers the Ministers of the MS in charge of this issue)
- The European Parliament should formally vote on this directive during its plenary session 11 June 2013.

