

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN SECTORAL PROFESSIONS
in the context of the evaluation of the Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament
and of the Council on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications

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REPRESENTING MILLIONS OF PROFESSIONALS IN EUROPE

The European sectoral professions that benefit from automatic recognition of qualifications recognize that to ensure safety and high standards of healthcare and services for European citizens, automatic recognition of professional qualifications is restricted to persons who have completed a full course of study satisfying minimum conditions of training stipulated by the Directive 2005/36/EC.

The European sectoral professions are concerned that the modernisation of the Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications might be used to undermine the minimum training requirements for their professions.

The European sectoral professions are also concerned that the Bologna process as adopted by some Member States risks weakening the safeguards for access to the professions, thus undermining patient and consumer safety, and therefore should not be given legal standing at EU level for the purposes of mobility of professionals within the single market.

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