



Joint Statement of the European Medical Organisations on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2005/36/EC

The Presidents of the undersigned European Medical Organisations call upon the European Parliament and the Council to respect the following principles in their scrutiny of the proposal amending the recognition of professional qualifications Directive (2005/36/EC):

- High quality medical training and patient safety must be guiding principles in the new Directive and should not in any way be compromised to meet the objectives of economic competitiveness or administrative simplification.
- The recognition process must ensure integrity and confidence in the mobility of doctors. In this context, competent authorities in the host Member State must retain competence to take a decision for recognition, regardless of the recognition regime applied, including through the electronic European Professional Certificate.
- Although the new proposal should respect an applicants' right to have their qualifications recognised in a timely and transparent way, it would not be appropriate for the principle of 'tacit authorisation' to apply to the recognition of medical qualifications.
- Partial access must not apply to the medical in order to ensure the integrity of qualifications and the safe provision of medical services.
- The proposal must respect a Member State's competence in delivering and organising medical education and training. The medical profession and competent authorities must be involved in the development of any common provisions on medical training.
- In order to improve trust and transparency, Member States should be encouraged to share best practices in basic and specialist training.
- In light of developments in the role and responsibilities of general and family practitioners, family medicine should be considered a medical speciality like any other.

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