

**JOINT STATEMENT ON THE CONSULTATION MECHANISM
TO ALLOW THE INPUT OF THE PROFESSIONS COVERED BY A
SECTORAL APPROACH IN RELATION TO THE
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the
Recognition of professional qualifications
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ACE/CAE – Architects’ Council of Europe

CPME – Standing Committee of European Doctors

DLC Dental Liaison Committee of the EU

EMA - European Midwives Association

FVE – Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

PCN – Standing Committee of Nurses of the EU

PGEU/GPUE - Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union

REPRESENTING MILLIONS of PROFESSIONALS IN EUROPE.

The above named professions have noted the ‘maximum’ initiative of the Commission to invite the professional organisations to provide professional input, whenever relevant, to the work of the Regulatory Committee of the proposed directive on Professional Qualifications in replacement of their role in the existing advisory committees. It is essential, in the opinion of the professions covered by a sectoral approach, that any arrangement made for a consultation mechanism must be confirmed in a stronger legal format than that which is currently foreseen.

Taking into account the numerous contacts with the Commission on the development of the proposed consultation mechanism, which is intended to allow the input of the professions to the activities of the (Single) Regulatory Committee of Member State Representatives, the professions are convinced that:

- to ensure the proper functioning of the proposed automatic recognition system
- to facilitate the regular updating of the minimum training requirements
- to guarantee a good level of co-ordination of education and training throughout Europe
- to give opinions on new qualifications that are challenged by Member States or the Commission
- to empower patient and citizens safety and
- to improve the efficiency of the professional input,

it is essential to legally recognise this consultative function and therefore to provide an observer status to each of the 7 pan-European professional organisations within the (Single) Regulatory Committee of the proposed Qualifications Directive and in any of its component and supporting bodies.

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