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# System of recognition of professional qualifications in EU

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# Historical background

- 1957 : Treaty of Rome establishing the EEC
- 1962 : « General program » aiming for the suppression of restrictions in the freedom of establishment;
- 1962-1982 : « **Transitional directives** » on the recognition of qualifications in the craftsmen and industry sectors;
- 1975 : First directive on the recognition of qualifications of **doctors**;
- 1977-1985: **Five other professions** with automatic recognition (nurses, midwives, pharmacist, veterinary surgeons and dentists);
- 1986: «Eurodocs»
- 1989 et 1992 : Two **general directives** on the recognition of professional qualifications;
- 2005 : Directive **2005/36/EC** (consolidation);
- 2013: **Revision** of Directive 2005/36/CE (EPC, alert mechanism).

# Establishment and provision of services

## Two ways of working abroad:

Keep the main place of business in the establishment MS (for ex. Montenegro)	Leave your origin State
Have an effective economic activity there	Close your business / quit your job, etc.
Work in another country (f. ex. Albania) for a specific work/task/manate (do and go)	Move in another country, <b>with the intention to remain there</b> and make your business there
<b>Provision of services</b>	<b>Establishment</b>
<b>Liberalisation, even of regulated professions (few exceptions)</b>	<b>Recognition of regulated professions</b>
<b>Title II PQD</b>	<b>Title III PQD</b>

## How does it work in case of a provision of services?

- **Liberalisation** => if you want to control anything, you have to ask for a declaration; no legal basis => **total freedom**, even if the profession is regulated.
- **A prior declaration** is possible for any regulated profession, but a control of the qualifications is possible only for professions with impact on public health or public security.
- **Very strict deadlines**, no reaction from the authority within the delay = right to provide the services.



# Automatic/general system

## Automatic system

Coordination of the education

Mandatory rules regarding the education

Acquired rights system (annex VI)

Automatic recognition, no compensation measures are possible

You have to accept **any diploma listed** in the annex V and VI

## General system

No coordination, principle of origin

Comparison of the the content of the education, compensation measures by substantial differences

You have to consider any qualification allowing the professional, in his/her MS, to pursue the profession.

# Sectoral system for Architects

- Basically, for sectoral professions, the minimum training requirements are **mandatory**.
- **Exception** for architects: a MS can educate his/her architects without to respect the minimum training requirements.
- In that case there is no automatic recognition, but the **general system** applies.

## **Qualifications and other requirements (annex VII PQD).**

**Do not forget that the PQD is not only about qualifications. Annex VII is applicable to other requirements:**

- **Proof of professional experience;**
- **Proof of good character/good standing;**
- **Proof that the professional has not been declared bankrupt, or suspended or prohibited to pursue the profession;**
- **Document relating to the physical or mental health**
- **Proof of the applicant's financial standing**
- **proof that the applicant is insured against the financial risks.**





**Thank you very much for your  
attention!**