

Invitation Letter

7th Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications

7th May 2018, Sarajevo

Dear Madam/Sir,

Hereby, we would like to invite you to the 7th Meeting of the joint CEFTA, ERI SEE and RCC Working Group on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications on 7th May 2018, in Sarajevo.

The leaders of the Western Balkans Six have recognised the importance of removing obstacles to recognition of professional qualifications under the Mobility pillar of the Multiannual Action Plan on the Regional Economic Area (hereinafter: MAP). The actions on the recognition of academic qualifications outlined in the MAP build on the priorities outlined in the South East Europe 2020 Strategy and the work carried out by the joint CEFFTA, ERI SEE and RCC Working Group on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (hereinafter: JWG MRPQ).

The JWG on MRPQ met six times since its establishment in September 2015. Based on the discussions at the meetings and three studies carried out by independent consultants engaged by RCC (Mapping and assessment study aimed at identifying sectors and professions of mutual interest for Mutual Recognition Agreements of professional qualifications in South East Europe; Study on Regulatory Frameworks for Recognition of Professional Qualifications of Doctors of Medicine, Dentists, Architects and Civil Engineers; Mapping positions on mutual recognition agreements of professional qualifications of Doctors of Medicine, Dentists, Architects and Civil Engineers) the JWG on MRPQ has drafted a **Recommendation on opening of the negotiations on mutual recognition agreement of professional qualifications of Doctors of Medicine, Dentists, Architects and Civil Engineers (hereinafter: Recommendation)**.

The Recommendation specifies the framework of the negotiations based on which the respective governments can start the internal governmental procedure to adopt the negotiation platform and appoint the negotiation teams. The text of the Recommendation will be the subject of the discussions at the meeting resulting in an agreed and finalized Recommendation.

The Recommendation includes as an **Annex 1 the Draft Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications of Doctors of Medicine, Dentists, Architects and Civil Engineers (hereinafter: the Draft Agreement)**.

The Draft Agreement will not be the subject of the discussion of the JWG on MRPQ. Only clarifications will be provided to the participants of the meeting. The Draft Agreement will be the subject of the negotiations meaning that the Draft Agreement will be discussed at the first negotiations meeting with the appointed negotiations teams.

We kindly invite the members of the Joint Working Group on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications and the MAP mobility component contact point to the meeting. The costs of travel and accommodation for the 4 participants will be covered in full by the organisers.

Logistical information and additional supporting documents will be sent shortly.

For any questions you may have please don't hesitate to contact Ms Vanja Ivosevic (vanja.ivosevic@rcc.int).

Enclosed:

- Agenda
- Recommendation on opening of the negotiations on mutual recognition agreement of professional qualifications of Doctors of Medicine, Dentists, Architects and Civil Engineers
- Annex 1 the Draft Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications of Doctors of Medicine, Dentists, Architects and Civil Engineers