

Questionnaires on introducing the European Professional Card for nurses, doctors, pharmacists, physiotherapists, engineers, mountain guides and estate agents(to competent authorities and other interested public authorities)

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

Introduction

The **European Professional Card (EPC)** is a key element of **Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications**. This electronic document will be issued to professionals interested in working in another EU country, using a new electronic procedure for the recognition of professional qualifications. Applicants will have the option of applying online, and the EPC will be sent to them online through the **Internal Market Information System**, which enables authorities from different EU countries to share information quickly and efficiently. The EPC will be available both to professionals wishing to practise their profession temporarily and occasionally, and to those wishing to settle permanently in another EU country.

The EPC is designed to make procedures for recognising the professional qualifications and for making declarations on temporary provision of services easier. This will be achieved by, e.g.,

- involving the authorities in EU professionals' home countries more
- using electronic procedures such as the IMI system
- recognising qualifications tacitly (possibly).

Directive 2005/36/EC (as recently amended) outlines how the EPC will work. Its introduction for specific professions remains subject to the following conditions.

- There must be significant mobility in the profession concerned (or potential for significant mobility).
- Parties with a legitimate interest must have expressed sufficient interest.
- The profession (or the education and training associated with it) must be regulated in a significant number of EU countries.

This means that the EPC should not be introduced until it has been established that it is appropriate for the profession concerned and its impact on EU countries has been assessed.

Once the EPC has been introduced for a particular occupation, individual professionals can opt either for the simplified EPC procedure, or for an existing recognition procedure.

The questionnaire is designed to gather your views and data on the possibility of introducing the EPC for 7 professions pre-selected for more in-depth assessment:

- Nurses
- Doctors
- Pharmacists
- Physiotherapists
- Engineers
- Mountain guides
- Estate agents

The Commission will examine other professions that have expressed (or will express) interest at a later stage.

N.B. Please read this summary of how the EPC will work (either in *English, French* or *German*) before completing the questionnaire.

[EPC summary.doc](#)

The questionnaire is designed for the competent authorities of EU countries dealing with recognition of the professional qualifications of the 7 professions pre-selected for more in-depth assessment. Other relevant public authorities are also welcome to give their views.

Complete the questionnaire for the profession for which your authority is responsible. If you are responsible for more than one of the 7 professions concerned, complete the questionnaires for each profession.

If you are responding on behalf of a regional, an EU-wide or international association of competent authorities, complete the questionnaire for each country separately.

Thank you.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS

Please indicate the name and contact details of your authority:*

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| Regarding the 4 health professions: Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports - CIBG Contact via: G.G.J. Holweg, Msc gg.holweg@minvws.nl | Regarding engineers, mountain guides, estate agents: Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science I. Park (national coordinator Directive 2005/36/EC) i.park@minocw.nl |
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Is your authority registered in the Transparency Register? (If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to [register here](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to the consultation)*

- Yes
 No

If so, please indicate your Register ID number:

Please indicate the EU country which is handled by your authority

*(Please note that if you are a regional or European association representing competent authorities from several countries (or regions), you are kindly requested to fill in this questionnaire for each EU country (or region) concerned).**

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other

Please provide more details about the role of your authority, the sectors and professions that it is responsible for:

CIBG: Competent Authority in the Netherlands for health care professionals in line of this questionnaire for Nurses, Doctors, Pharmacists and Physiotherapists.
Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science: coordinating ministry on the area of recognition of professional qualifications.

In order to ensure transparency all contributions to public consultations are made public. You may however request anonymous publication if your legitimate interest may be harmed.*

- I consent to publication of all information in my contribution
- I object to publication of the name and address of my authority
- I disagree to publication (please note that your reply will not be considered)

If you disagree to publication of your personal data or your contribution, please give the reasons:

If you would like to submit any information or documents, which you consider confidential and which should not be made public, you can send them to the following address:

MARKT-E4-EPC@ec.europa.eu

Please select the questionnaire which is relevant to the professions handled by your authority (multiple choice possible):*

- A. Questionnaire - nurses
- B. Questionnaire - doctors
- C. Questionnaire - pharmacists
- D. Questionnaire - physiotherapists
- E. Questionnaire - engineers
- F. Questionnaire - mountain guides
- G. Questionnaire - estate agents
- H. Other professions (not listed above)

A. QUESTIONNAIRE - NURSES

1. Please select the professions which are handled by your authority:*

- Nurse responsible for general care
- Specialised nurse
- Other nurse

If "Specialised nurse" or "Other nurse", please specify:

Specialised nurse: nurses with additional education leading to a regulated specialisation.
Other nurse: nurses who are permitted to subscribe medicines in the field of Diabetes Melitus or Asthma/COPD.

2. The introduction of the EPC for specific professions is subject to the conditions set out in Article 4a(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC, which include a sufficient interest being expressed by the relevant stakeholders.

Does your authority support the introduction of the EPC for the nursing profession(s)?*

- Yes
- Yes, but only for certain nursing profession(s) handled by your authority
- No
- We do not know

2.1 If your authority supports the introduction of EPC only for certain (not all) professions handled by your authority, please specify the nursing professions for which you support introduction of EPC:

Only for general care nurses

2.2 If you consider that EPC should NOT be introduced for any of the nursing professions handled by your authority, please explain your position:

We do not support a EPC for specialised nurses, because of the high differences in specialized nurses and the low registration rate in other European countries. The mobility of these nurses is also very low.

● MOBILITY DATA

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF (and to the extent) you have access to the data requested.

3. How many professionals (handled by your authority) **currently** practice on a permanent basis and how many professionals provide services on a temporary basis in your country? Please also indicate the verified data source each time you provide information.

| | Number of permanently established professionals: | Number of professionals providing services on a temporary basis: | Date of reference | Data source: |
|----------------------|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| General care nurses: | 194 | 0 | 14042014 | Own Base |
| Specialist nurses: | | | | |
| Other nurses: | | | 14042014 | Own Base |

3.1 Please add any comments/observations you consider necessary in relation to the data provided above:

It concerns all foreign nurses. We do not differentiate between EU and non-EU.
It concerns registration numbers, not the amount actually working.

4. In your view, is the mobility of nurses in your country (i.e., the number of incoming and/or outgoing professionals) likely to increase in the coming 5 years?

- Yes
 No
 We do not know

4.1 Please explain why, in your view, the mobility of nurses is likely to increase or decrease in/out of your country:

We do not expect any increase or decrease in low mobility, because of no changes in the circumstances. Our experience is that foreign nurses find it difficult to work in the Netherlands due to the language barrier, cultural differences and difference in health care system.

5. Do you have any evidence (studies/reports/surveys or similar information) that would demonstrate the mobility trends of nurses and/or their potential for mobility in the future?

If so, please upload any relevant documents:

Alternatively, please specify a link to an online document:

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| No |
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● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF you are handling the procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country.

1) Document requirements in your country acting as the host Member State (i.e., a country of destination)

6. What mandatory application documents are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from nurses from another EU country who want to establish themselves permanently and seek for the recognition of their professional qualifications?

Please note that the competent authority of the host Member State may ask a professional to submit various application document, which may differ depending on the type of a recognition system that applies.

*Nurses responsible for general care may benefit from **automatic recognition**, if they hold one of the qualifications stipulated in point 5.2.2 of Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC, which meet the minimum training requirements. If the training began before a reference date mentioned in Annex V, and the training does not meet the minimum training requirements, nurses responsible for general care may still benefit from **automatic recognition through acquired rights**, if they can show (via an attestation from a Member State of origin) that they have been effectively and lawfully practicing a profession in question for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the attestation being issued. Please note that special acquired rights regimes may also apply, e.g. see Article 33a of Directive 2005/36/EC.*

*When nurses cannot be granted automatic recognition, recognition comes under **the general system**. This means that the competent authority of the host Member State may compare the training of a professional with the national requirements and in case of substantial differences may impose compensation measures before recognition.*

| | Automatic system of recognition (general care nurses) | Automatic recognition through acquired rights (general care nurses) | General system of recognition (general care nurses not covered by automatic recognition, all other nurses) |
|--|---|---|--|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of change of denomination (if the name of qualification meeting the minimum training requirements does not correspond to the name given in Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of acquired rights (attestation on the effective and lawful practice) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, continuous professional development, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other mandatory documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

6.1 If there are "Other mandatory documents" not mentioned in the table above, please specify:

The application form, physically signed by the applicant is mandatory i.e. Blue card (Directive 2009/50/EC about highly qualified workers) or others as mentioned in the legislation.

6.2. Is the professional invited to provide any other (optional) documents?

- Yes
 No
 We do not know

If so, please specify what documents a professional can provide optionally:

A Curriculum Vitae in Dutch.

6.3 How much is the applicant required to pay for the recognition of his or her professional qualifications in your country (in EUR)?

| | Automatic recognition | Automatic recognition through acquired rights | General system of recognition | Comments |
|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|
| Average fee for the recognition of professional qualifications (in EUR) | 85 Euro | 85 Euro | | |

6.4 Please explain how the levels of recognition fees are calculated in your country:

In the Netherlands, recognition and registration are split into two separate procedures. The amount of €85 concerns registration only. Payment policy concerning recognition needs to be developed, together with a policy for the (fee of the) EPC.

7. Do the competent authorities in your country require that nurses from another EU country who want to provide temporary services submit a prior written declaration?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.1 Do the competent authorities in your country carry out prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC of any nurses who do not benefit from the automatic recognition (e.g., specialised nurses) coming from another EU country before the first provision of temporary services?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what nurses are subject to prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of the Directive prior to the first provision of temporary services:

All nurses not benefitting from the automatic recognition. This is a theoretical situation: application for temporary services for nurses has never occurred.

7.2. What mandatory documents (if any) are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from nurses from another EU country who want to provide temporary services?

| | Documents for a prior declaration under Article 7(2) of Directive 2005/36/EC | Documents for cases with prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC |
|---|--|---|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of legal establishment in a home Member State (such as attestation from a competent authority or competent professional body, or copy of professional license, extract from trade register, certificate from employer accompanied by tax or social security document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof that a professional is not suspended or prohibited from practice, even temporarily, in a home Member State (such as, extract from juridical records, certificate from judicial or police authority) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of professional qualifications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of practical experience of at least two years during the last ten years, when training/profession are not regulated in an EU country of establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents" not listed above, please specify:

The application form, physically signed by the applicant.

8. Do the competent authorities in your country typically ask for translations and certified copies of the application documents? If so, for which documents?

| | Certified copy | Ordinary translation | Certified/authorised translation |
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| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of change of denomination (if the name of qualification meeting the minimum training requirements does not correspond to the name given in Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of acquired rights (attestation on the effective and lawful practice) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8.1 If there are "Other documents" not mentioned above, please specify:

N/A

9. What types of payment are acceptable for recognition procedures in your country (acting as host Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

9.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

9.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for applications?

- Prior to application (attach to application)
- During application
- After the procedure for recognition is completed
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

2) Procedures in your country acting as the home Member State (i.e., a country of origin)

10. What application documents do nurses typically request from the authorities in their country of origin (acting as the home Member State) prior to submitting an application for recognition of qualification in another EU country? What are the fees applicable to the issuance of the certificates (in EUR) and who is entitled to issue the requested documents?

| | Documents issued in the home Member State (please mark "x"): | Average applicable fees (in EUR): | Issuing authority (or relevant body) |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Certificate of good conduct/good standing/good health/good character/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that the professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious misconduct or criminal offence | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of professional experience if a professional holds qualification obtained in a non-EEA country and this qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslips or attestations from employers) | | | |
| Proof of legal establishment in an EU country (e.g., in case of prior declaration for temporary provision of services) | X only as CCPS | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of change of denomination | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of acquired rights | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other documents (please specify) | | | |

Please explain how the levels of fees for issued certificates are calculated in your country:

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| N/A |
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11. What types of payment are acceptable for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10 in your country (acting as home Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

11.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

11.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for certificates?

- Prior to request of the documents concerned
- During the treatment of request
- After the issuance of the documents
- Other
- We do not know

If "Other", please specify:

3) Other questions related to the procedures of recognition

12. In your view, what types of payment would be most preferred in the context of EPC procedure?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

12.1. If "Online payments" are most preferred, please specify the means of online payments:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

12.2 Please explain your position:

For us bank transfer is the most effective way in time and costs.

13. How can the nurses apply for the recognition of their professional qualifications in your country (multiple choice possible)?

- By an online application
- By a written application (offline)
- We do not know

14. In your view, is there any need for written (off-line) applications for the EPC (in addition to a possibility to apply online via a public interface)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

Please explain your answer:

At the moment documents that require a signature need to be scanned after the manual placement of the signature.

15. If online applications are possible in your country(ies), do the competent authorities request any particular form of the electronic documents (e.g., a document validated by an electronic signature)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

15.1. If the competent authority in your country accepts any particular form of electronic documents for the applications for recognition of qualifications, please provide more details (e.g., what are these documents? how are they are submitted?):

see answer on question 14.

16. (If relevant) please describe the experiences (either positive or negative) encountered by nurses which are related to online applications and/or submission of electronic documents in your country:

A signature is necessary and an electronic signature is not available at the moment.

17. To your best knowledge, how many nurses in your country would be able to use an online application for the EPC?

- None
- Only a few
- Majority
- A vast majority
- All of them

17.1 Please specify the source your assessment is based on:

The degree of automation in the Netherlands is very high (94% in 2012)

● OTHER QUESTIONS

18. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a nurse from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the system of automatic recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-3 months
- more than 3 months
- We do not know

18.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 3 months under the automatic recognition regime?

19. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a nurse from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the general system of recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-4 months
- more than 4 months
- We do not know

19.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 4 months under the general system of recognition?

Involvement of 3rd parties.

20. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a nurse from another EU country to make a declaration for temporary provision of services from the moment of the application?

- less than 1 month
- 1-2 months
- more than 2 months
- We do not know

20.1. Why in your view do the procedures for prior declaration in case of temporary provision of services in your country take more than 2 months?

An application of temporary provision never occurred.

21. Do you have any further comments as to the suitability of the EPC procedure for the profession of nurse?

B. QUESTIONNAIRE - DOCTORS

1. Please select the professions which are handled by your authority:*

- Basic medical doctor
- Medical specialist
- General practitioner

2. The introduction of the EPC for specific professions is subject to the conditions set out in Article 4a(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC, which include a sufficient interest being expressed by the relevant stakeholders.

Does your authority support the introduction of the EPC for your respective medical profession(s)?*

- Yes
- Yes, but only for certain medical profession(s) handled by your authority
- No
- We do not know

2.1 If your authority supports the introduction of EPC only for certain (not all) medical professions handled by your authority, please specify the professions for which you support introduction of EPC:

Only for those medical professions that have a high migration pattern. In the Netherlands the migration is only of a significant amount where it concerns anesthesiologists and radiologists.

2.2 If you consider that EPC should NOT be introduced for any of the professions handled by your authority, please explain your position:

N/A

- **MOBILITY DATA**

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF (and to the extent) you have access to the data requested.

3. How many professionals (handled by your authority) currently practice on a permanent basis and how many professionals provide services on a temporary basis in your country? Please also indicate the verified data source each time you provide information.

| | Number of permanently established professionals: | Number of professionals providing services on a temporary basis: | Date of reference | Data source: |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Basic medical doctors: | 219 | 0 | 14042014 | Own Base |
| Medical specialists: | | | 14042014 | Own Base |
| General practitioners: | | | | |

3.1 Please add any comments/observations you consider necessary in relation to the data provided above:

It concerns all foreign doctors. We do not differentiate between EU and non-EU. It concerns registration numbers, not the amount actually working.

4. In your view, is the mobility of doctors in your country (i.e., the number of incoming and/or outgoing professionals) likely to increase in the coming 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

4.1 Please explain why, in your view, the mobility of doctors is likely to increase or decrease in/out of your country:

Increase: we train more doctors than what is estimated to be necessary in the future.

5. Do you have any evidence (studies/reports/surveys or similar information) that would demonstrate the mobility trends of doctors and/or their potential for mobility in the future?

If so, please upload any relevant documents:

Alternatively, please specify a link to an online document:

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| No |
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● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF you are handling the procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country.

1) Document requirements in your country acting as the host Member State (i.e., a country of destination)

6. What mandatory application documents are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from doctors from another EU country who want to establish themselves permanently and seek for the recognition of their professional qualifications?

Point 5.1.1. of Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC lists the national titles in basic medicine which meet the harmonised training requirements of Article 24 of the Directive and therefore benefit from the automatic recognition of basic medical qualifications. Point 5.1.4. of Annex V of the Directive list the national titles for evidence of formal qualifications of general practitioners.

Under the system of mutual recognition of professional qualifications provided by Directive 2005/36/EC medical specialisations have a special regime. There is a significant difference regarding the number of regulated medical specialisations amongst Member States. The Directive covers the harmonisation of the minimum training requirements of 54 categories of medical specialisations. The national titles of Member States are listed in Annex V, point 5.1.3. of Directive 2005/36/EC. These titles are covered by the automatic recognition regime to the extent that the speciality exists both in the home and the host Member State and the titles are listed for both Member States under the same medical specialist category. In other cases, the general system of recognition is applicable for the recognition of medical specialist qualifications.

| | Automatic system of recognition | Automatic recognition through acquired rights | General system of recognition |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of change of denomination (if the name of qualification meeting the minimum training requirements does not correspond to the name given in Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of acquired rights (attestation on the effective and lawful practice) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, continuous professional development, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other mandatory documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

6.1 If there are "Other mandatory documents" not mentioned in the table above, please specify:

i.e. Blue card (directive 2005/90/EC) or others as mentioned in the legislation.
Application form signed by the applicant.

6.2. Is the professional invited to provide any other (optional) documents?

- Yes
 No
 We do not know

If so, please specify what documents a professional can provide on an optional basis:

A Curriculum Vitae in Dutch.

6.3 How much is the applicant required to pay for the recognition of his or her professional qualifications in your country (in EUR)?

| | Automatic recognition | Automatic recognition through acquired rights | General system of recognition | Comments |
|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|
| Average fee for the recognition of professional qualifications (in EUR) | 85 Euro | 85 Euro | | |

6.4 Please explain how the levels of recognition fees are calculated in your country:

In the Netherlands recognition and registration recently are split into two separate procedures. The amount previous mentioned concerns registration. Payment policy concerning recognitions needs to be developed, together with a policy for the (fee for the) EPC.

7. Do the competent authorities in your country require that doctors from another EU country who want to provide temporary services submit a prior written declaration?

- Yes
 No
 We do not know

7.1 Do the competent authorities in your country carry out prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC of any doctors who do not benefit from the automatic recognition coming from another EU country before the first provision of temporary services?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what doctors are subject to prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of the Directive prior to the first provision of temporary services:

All doctors that not benefit from the automatic recognition. This is a theoretical situation: application for temporary services never occur.

7.2. What mandatory documents (if any) are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from doctors from another EU country who want to provide temporary services?

| | Documents for a prior declaration under Article 7(2) of Directive 2005/36/EC | Documents for cases with prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC |
|---|--|---|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of legal establishment in a home Member State (such as attestation from a competent authority or competent professional body, or copy of professional license, extract from trade register, certificate from employer accompanied by tax or social security document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof that a professional is not suspended or prohibited from practice, even temporarily, in a home Member State (such as, extract from juridical records, certificate from judicial or police authority) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of professional qualifications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of practical experience of at least two years during the last ten years, when training/profession are not regulated in an EU country of establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents" not listed above or if the list of documents differs for different types of doctors, please specify:

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| <p>Signed application form</p> |
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8. Do the competent authorities in your country typically ask for translations and certified copies of the application documents? If so, for which documents?

| | Certified copy | Ordinary translation | Certified/authorised translation |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of change of denomination (if the name of qualification meeting the minimum training requirements does not correspond to the name given in Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of acquired rights (attestation on the effective and lawful practice) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8.1 If there are "Other documents" not mentioned above, please specify:

N/A

9. What types of payment are acceptable for recognition procedures in your country (acting as host Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

9.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

9.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for applications?

- Prior to application (attach to application)
- During application
- After the procedure for recognition is completed
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

2) Procedures in your country acting as the home Member State (i.e., a country of origin)

10. What application documents do doctors typically request from the authorities in their country of origin (acting as the home Member State) prior to submitting an application for recognition of qualification in another EU country? What are the fees applicable to the issuance of the certificates (in EUR) and who is entitled to issue the requested documents?

| | Documents issued in the home Member State (please mark "x"): | Average applicable fees (in EUR): | Issuing authority (or relevant body) |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Certificate of good conduct/good standing/good health/good character/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that the professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious misconduct or criminal offence | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of professional experience if a professional holds qualification obtained in a non-EEA country and this qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslips or attestations from employers) | | | |
| Proof of legal establishment in an EU country (e.g., in case of prior declaration for temporary provision of services) | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of change of denomination | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of acquired rights | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other documents (please specify) | | | |

Please explain how the levels of fees for issued certificates are calculated in your country:

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| N/A |
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11. What types of payment are acceptable for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10 in your country (acting as home Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

11.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

11.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for certificates?

- Prior to request of the documents concerned
- During the treatment of request
- After the issuance of the documents
- Other
- We do not know

If "Other", please specify:

3) Other questions related to the procedures of recognition

12. In your view, what types of payment would be most preferred in the context of EPC procedure?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

12.1. If "Online payments" are most preferred, please specify the means of online payments:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

12.2 Please explain your position:

For us, bank tranfer is the most effective way in time and costs.

13. How can the doctors apply for the recognition of their professional qualifications in your country (multiple choice possible)?

- By an online application
- By a written application (offline)
- We do not know

14. In your view, is there any need for written (off-line) applications for the EPC (in addition to a possibility to apply online via a public interface)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

Please explain your answer:

At the moment documents that require a signature need to be scanned after the manual placement of the signature.

15. If online applications are possible in your country(ies), do the competent authorities request any particular form of the electronic documents (e.g., a document validated by an electronic signature)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

15.1. If the competent authority in your country accepts any particular form of electronic documents for the applications for recognition of qualifications, please provide more details (e.g., what are these documents? how are they are submitted?):

see answer on question 14.

16. Please describe the experiences (either positive or negative) encountered by doctors which are related to online applications and/or submission of electronic documents in your country:

A signature is necessary and an electronic signature is not available at the moment.

17. To your best knowledge, how many doctors in your country would be able to use an online application for the EPC?

- None
- Only a few
- Majority
- A vast majority
- All of them

● OTHER QUESTIONS

18. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a doctor from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the system of automatic recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-3 months
- more than 3 months
- We do not know

18.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 3 months under the automatic recognition regime?

19. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a doctor from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the general system of recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-4 months
- more than 4 months
- We do not know

19.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 4 months under the general system of recognition?

Involvement of 3rd parties.

20. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a doctor from another EU country to make a declaration for temporary provision of services from the moment of the application?

- less than 1 month
- 1-2 months
- more than 2 months
- We do not know

20.1. Why in your view do the procedures for prior declaration in case of temporary provision of services in your country take more than 2 months?

This kind of application never occurred

21. Do you have any further comments as to the suitability of the EPC procedure for the medical profession?

C. QUESTIONNAIRE - PHARMACISTS

1. Please select the professions which are handled by your authority (please refer to the generic name of the professions as listed in the [Database of Regulated Professions](#)):*

- Pharmacists
- Specialist pharmacists
- Other pharmacist

If "Specialist pharmacist" or "Other pharmacist", please specify:

Pharmacists with an addition education resulting in a regulated specialism.

2. The introduction of the EPC for specific professions is subject to the conditions set out in Article 4a(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC, which include a sufficient interest being expressed by the relevant stakeholders.

Does your authority support the introduction of the EPC for pharmacist professions handled by your authority?*

- Yes
- Yes, but only for certain pharmacist profession(s) handled by your authority
- No
- We do not know

2.1 If your authority supports the introduction of EPC only for certain (not all) professions handled by your authority, please specify the professions for which you support introduction of EPC:

N/A

2.2 If you consider that EPC should NOT be introduced for any of the pharmacist professions handled by your authority, please explain your position:

Low mobility rate.

- **MOBILITY DATA**

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF (and to the extent) you have access to the data requested.

3. How many professionals (handled by your authority) currently practice on a permanent basis and how many professionals provide services on a temporary basis in your country? Please also indicate the verified data source each time you provide information.

| | Number of permanently established professionals: | Number of professionals providing services on a temporary basis: | Date of reference | Data source: |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Pharmacists | 13 | 0 | 14042014 | Own Base |
| Specialist pharmacists | | | | |
| Other pharmacists | | | | |

3.1 Please add any comments/observations you consider necessary in relation to the data provided above:

We have 13 Pharmsists registrated in the Netherlands from within of outside the EER. We have kept no trace over the past years of numbers increasing or decreasing.
 The amount mentioned concerns registration numbers, not people actually working.

4. In your view, is the mobility of pharmacists in your country (i.e., the number of incoming and/or outgoing professionals) likely to increase in the coming 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

4.1 Please explain why, in your view, the mobility of pharmacists is likely to increase or decrease in/out of your country:

We do not expect to see a change in the circumstances and therefore do not expect an increase or decrease of the very low mobility of this profession.

5. Do you have any evidence (studies/reports/surveys or similar information) that would demonstrate the mobility trends of pharmacists and/or their potential for mobility in the future?

If so, please upload any relevant documents:

Alternatively, please specify a link to an online document:

N/A

● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF you are handling the procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country.

1) Document requirements in your country acting as the host Member State (i.e., a country of destination)

6. What mandatory application documents are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from pharmacists from another EU country who want to establish themselves permanently and seek for the recognition of their professional qualifications?

Please note that the competent authority of the host Member State may ask a professional to submit various application document, which may differ depending on the type of a recognition system that applies.

*Pharmacists may benefit from **automatic recognition**, if they hold one of the qualifications stipulated in point 5.6.2 of Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC, and if the training began after the reference date mentioned therein. This means that the competent authority of the host Member State may not ask for documentation specifying the content of the training taken. If the training began before a reference date mentioned in Annex V, and the training does not meet the minimum training requirements, pharmacists may still benefit from **automatic recognition through acquired rights**, if they can show (via an attestation from a Member State of origin) that they have been effectively and lawfully practicing a profession in question for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the attestation being issued.*

*When a professional cannot be granted automatic recognition (e.g., a specialist pharmacist or a pharmacist that does not meet the conditions for automatic recognition), recognition comes under **the general system**. This means that the competent authority of the host Member State may compare the training of a professional with the national requirements and in case of substantial differences may impose compensation measures before recognition.*

| | Automatic system of recognition | Automatic recognition through acquired rights | General system of recognition |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of change of denomination (if the name of qualification meeting the minimum training requirements does not correspond to the name given in Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of acquired rights (attestation on the effective and lawful practice) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, continuous professional development, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other mandatory documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

6.1 If there are "Other mandatory documents" not mentioned in the table above, please specify:

i.e. Blue card (directive 2009/50/EC) or others as mentioned in the legislation
The application form signed by the applicant is mandatory.

6.2. Is the professional invited to provide any other (optional) documents?

- Yes
 No
 We do not know

If so, please specify what documents a professional can provide on an optional basis:

a Curriculum Vitae in Dutch.

6.3 How much is the applicant required to pay for the recognition of his or her professional qualifications in your country (in EUR)?

| | Automatic recognition | Automatic recognition through acquired rights | General system of recognition | Comments |
|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|
| Average fee for the recognition of professional qualifications (in EUR) | 85 euro | 85 euro | | |

6.4 Please explain how the levels of recognition fees are calculated in your country:

In the Netherlands recognition and registration recently are split into two separate procedures. The amount previous mentioned concerns registration.
Payment policy concerning recognition needs to be developed, together with a policy for the (fee for the) EPC.

7. Do the competent authorities in your country require that pharmacists from another EU country who want to provide temporary services submit a prior written declaration?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.1 Do the competent authorities in your country carry out prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC of any pharmacists who do not benefit from the automatic recognition (e.g., specialised pharmacists) coming from another EU country before the first provision of temporary services?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what pharmacists are subject to prior check of qualifications prior to the first provision of temporary services:

All pharmacists not benefitting from the automatic recognition. This is a theoretical situation: application for temporary services never occurred.

7.2. What mandatory documents (if any) are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from pharmacists from another EU country who want to provide temporary services?

| | Documents for a prior declaration under Article 7(2) of Directive 2005/36/EC | Documents for cases with prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC |
|---|--|---|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of legal establishment in a home Member State (such as attestation from a competent authority or competent professional body, or copy of professional license, extract from trade register, certificate from employer accompanied by tax or social security document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof that a professional is not suspended or prohibited from practice, even temporarily, in a home Member State (such as, extract from juridical records, certificate from judicial or police authority) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of professional qualifications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of practical experience of at least two years during the last ten years, when training/profession are not regulated in an EU country of establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents" not listed above, please specify:

Signed application form.

8. Do the competent authorities in your country typically ask for translations and certified copies of the application documents? If so, for which documents?

| | Certified copy | Ordinary translation | Certified/authorised translation |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of change of denomination (if the name of qualification meeting the minimum training requirements does not correspond to the name given in Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of acquired rights (attestation on the effective and lawful practice) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8.1 If there are "Other documents" not mentioned above, please specify:

N/A

9. What types of payment are acceptable for recognition procedures in your country (acting as host Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

9.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

9.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for applications?

- Prior to application (attach to application)
- During application
- After the procedure for recognition is completed
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

2) Procedures in your country acting as the home Member State (i.e., a country of origin)

10. What application documents do pharmacists typically request from the authorities in their country of origin (acting as the home Member State) prior to submitting an application for recognition of qualification in another EU country? What are the fees applicable to the issuance of the certificates (in EUR) and who is entitled to issue the requested documents?

| | Documents issued in the home Member State (please mark "x"): | Average applicable fees (in EUR): | Issuing authority (or relevant body) |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Certificate of good conduct/good standing/good health/good character/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that the professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious misconduct or criminal offence | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of professional experience if a professional holds qualification obtained in a non-EEA country and this qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslips or attestations from employers) | | | |
| Proof of legal establishment in an EU country (e.g., in case of prior declaration for temporary provision of services) | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of compliance (conformity) with Directive 2005/36/EC | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of change of denomination | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of acquired rights | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other documents (please specify) | | | |

Please explain how the levels of fees for issued certificates are calculated in your country:

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| N/A |
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11. What types of payment are acceptable for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10 in your country (acting as home Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

11.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

11.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for certificates?

- Prior to request of the documents concerned
- During the treatment of request
- After the issuance of the documents
- Other
- We do not know

If "Other", please specify:

3) Other questions related to the procedures of recognition

12. In your view, what types of payment would be most preferred in the context of EPC procedure?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

12.1. If "Online payments" are most preferred, please specify the means of online payments:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

12.2 Please explain your position:

For us, bank transfer is the most effective way in time and costs.

13. How can the pharmacists apply for the recognition of their professional qualifications in your country (multiple choice possible)?

- By an online application
- By a written application (offline)
- We do not know

14. In your view, is there any need for written (off-line) applications for the EPC (in addition to a possibility to apply online via a public interface)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

Please explain your answer:

At the moment documents that require a signature need to be scanned after the manual placement of the signature.

15. If online applications are possible in your country(ies), do the competent authorities request any particular form of the electronic documents (e.g., a document validated by an electronic signature)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

15.1. If the competent authority in your country accepts any particular form of electronic documents for the applications for recognition of qualifications, please provide more details (e.g., what are these documents? how are they are submitted?):

See answer on question 14.

16. Please describe the experiences (either positive or negative) encountered by pharmacists which are related to online applications and/or submission of electronic documents in your country:

A signature is necessary and an electronic signature is not available at the moment.

17. To your best knowledge, how many pharmacists in your country would be able to use an online application for the EPC?

- None
- Only a few
- Majority
- A vast majority
- All of them

● OTHER QUESTIONS

18. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a pharmacist from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the system of automatic recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-3 months
- more than 3 months
- We do not know

18.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 3 months under the automatic recognition regime?

N/A

19. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a pharmacist from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the general system of recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-4 months
- more than 4 months
- We do not know

19.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 4 months under the general system of recognition?

Involvement of 3rd parties.

20. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a pharmacist from another EU country to make a declaration for temporary provision of services from the moment of the application?

- less than 1 month
- 1-2 months
- more than 2 months
- We do not know

20.1. Why in your view do the procedures for prior declaration in case of temporary provision of services in your country take more than 2 months?

This kind of application never occurred.

21. Do you have any further comments as to the suitability of the EPC procedure for the profession of pharmacist?

N/A

C. QUESTIONNAIRE - PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

1. Please select the professions which are handled by your authority (please refer to the generic name of the professions as listed in the [Database of Regulated Professions](#)):*

- Physiotherapist/ physical therapists
 Other

If "Other", please specify:

2. The introduction of the EPC for specific professions is subject to the conditions set out in Article 4a(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC, which include a sufficient interest being expressed by the relevant stakeholders.

Does your authority support the introduction of the EPC for your respective profession(s)?*

- Yes
 Yes, but only for certain physiotherapists handled by your authority
 No
 We do not know

2.1 If your authority supports the introduction of EPC only for certain (not all) professions handled by your authority, please specify the professions for which you support introduction of EPC:

Basic physiotherapist, no specialization

2.2 If you consider that EPC should NOT be introduced for physiotherapists, please explain your position:

N/A

● MOBILITY DATA

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF (and to the extent) you have access to the data requested.

3. How many professionals (handled by your authority) currently practice on a permanent basis and how many provide services on a temporary basis in your country? Please also indicate the verified data source each time you provide information.

| | Number of permanently established professionals: | Number of professionals providing services on a temporary basis: | Date of reference | Data source: |
|-------------------|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Physiotherapists: | 10 | 0 | 14042014 | Own Base |
| Other: | | | | |

3.1 Please add any comments/observations you consider necessary in relation to the data provided above:

These numbers concern all foreign professionals, within and outside the EU. It concerns registration numbers, not the amount actually working.

4. In your view, is the mobility of physiotherapists in your country (i.e., the number of incoming and/or outgoing professionals) likely to increase in the coming 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

4.1 Please explain why, in your view, the mobility of physiotherapists is likely to increase or decrease in/out of your country:

N/A

5. Do you have any evidence (studies/reports/surveys or similar information) that would demonstrate the mobility trends of physiotherapists and/or their potential for mobility in the future?

If so, please upload any relevant documents:

Alternatively, please specify a link to an online document:

N/A

● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF you are handling the procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country.

If a profession of physiotherapist (or the education and training geared to the pursuit of the profession) handled by your authority is not regulated in your country, please go to Question 10.

1) Document requirements in your country acting as the host Member State (i.e., a country of destination)

6. What mandatory application documents are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from physiotherapists from another EU country who want to establish themselves permanently and seek for the recognition of their professional qualifications?

Please note that the competent authority of the host Member State may ask a professional to submit various application document, which may differ depending on the type of a recognition system that applies.

*Recognition of physiotherapists comes under **the general system of recognition**. This means that the competent authority of the host Member State may compare the training of a professional with the national requirements and in case of substantial differences may impose compensation measures before recognition.*

| | General system of recognition |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, continuous professional development, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other mandatory documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

6.1 If there are "Other mandatory documents" not mentioned in the table above, please specify:

i.e. Blue card (directive 2009/50/EC) or others as mentioned in the legislation
The application form, signed by the applicant is mandatory.

6.2. Is the professional invited to provide any other (optional) documents?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what documents a professional can provide on an optional basis:

a Curriculum vitae in Dutch.

6.3 How much is the applicant required to pay for the recognition of his or her professional qualifications in your country (please indicate an average fee for the recognition of professional qualifications in EUR)?

85 euro for registration. Policy concerning a fee for recognition needs to be developed.

6.4 Please explain how the levels of recognition fees are calculated in your country:

Estimation of the amount of work.

7. Do the competent authorities in your country require that physiotherapists from another EU country who want to provide temporary services submit a prior written declaration?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.1 Do the competent authorities in your country carry out prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC of physiotherapists from another EU country before the first provision of temporary services?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.2. What mandatory documents (if any) are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from physiotherapists from another EU country who want to provide temporary services?

| | Documents for a prior declaration under Article 7(2) of Directive 2005/36/EC | Documents for cases with prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC |
|---|--|---|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of legal establishment in a home Member State (such as attestation from a competent authority or competent professional body, or copy of professional license, extract from trade register, certificate from employer accompanied by tax or social security document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof that a professional is not suspended or prohibited from practice, even temporarily, in a home Member State (such as, extract from juridical records, certificate from judicial or police authority) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of professional qualifications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of practical experience of at least two years during the last ten years, when training/profession are not regulated in an EU country of establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents", please specify:

Signed application form.

This is a theoretical situation: application of temporary services never occur.

8. Do the competent authorities in your country typically ask for translations and certified copies of the application documents? If so, for which documents?

| | Certified copy | Ordinary translation | Certified/authorised translation |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If "Other documents", please specify:

N/A

9. What types of payment are acceptable for recognition procedures in your country (acting as host Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

9.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

9.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for applications?

- Prior to application (attach to application)
- During application
- After the procedure for recognition is completed
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

2) Procedures in your country acting as the home Member State (i.e., a country of origin)

10. What application documents do physiotherapists typically request from the authorities in their country of origin (acting as the home Member State) prior to submitting an application for recognition of qualification in another EU country? What are the fees applicable to the issuance of the certificates (in EUR) and who is entitled to issue the requested documents?

| | Documents issued in the home Member State (please mark "x"): | Average applicable fees (in EUR): | Issuing authority (or other relevant body) |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Certificate of good conduct/good standing/good health/good character/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that the professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious misconduct or criminal offence | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Certificate of professional experience if a professional holds qualification obtained in a non-EEA country and this qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslips or attestations from employers) | | | |
| Proof of legal establishment in an EU country (e.g., in case of prior declaration for temporary provision of services) | X | 0 | CIBG |
| Other documents (please specify) | | | |

Please explain how the levels of fees for issued certificates are calculated in your country:

N/A

11. What types of payment are acceptable for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10 in your country (acting as home Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

11.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

11.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for certificates?

- Prior to request of the documents concerned
- During the treatment of request
- After the issuance of the documents
- Other
- We do not know

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

3) Other questions related to the procedures of recognition

12. In your view, what types of payment would be most preferred in the context of EPC procedure?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

12.1. If "Online payments" are most preferred, please specify the means of online payments:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

N/A

12.2 Please explain your position:

For us, bank transfer is the most effective way in time and costs.

13. How can the physiotherapists apply for the recognition of their professional qualifications in your country (multiple choice possible)?

- By an online application
- By a written application (offline)
- We do not know
- Not relevant, the profession of a physiotherapist is not regulated in your country

14. In your view, is there any need for written (off-line) applications for the EPC (in addition to a possibility to apply online via a public interface)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

Please explain your answer:

At the moment documents that require a signature need to be scanned after the manual placement of the signature.

15. If online applications are possible in your country(ies), do the competent authorities request any particular form of the electronic documents (e.g., a document validated by an electronic signature)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of a physiotherapist is not regulated in your country

15.1. If the competent authority in your country accepts any particular form of electronic documents for the applications for recognition of qualifications, please provide more details (e.g., what are these documents? how are they are submitted?):

See answer on question 14.

16. If relevant, please describe the experiences (either positive or negative) encountered by physiotherapists which are related to online applications and/or submission of electronic documents in your country:

A signature is necessary and an electronic signature is not available at the moment.

17. To your best knowledge, how many physiotherapists in your country would be able to use an online application for the EPC?

- None
- Only a few
- Majority
- A vast majority
- All of them

● OTHER QUESTIONS

18. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a physiotherapist from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the general system of recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-4 months
- more than 4 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of a physiotherapist is not regulated in your country

18.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 4 months under the general system of recognition?

Involvement of 3rd parties in the process.

19. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a physiotherapist from another EU country to make a declaration for temporary provision of services from the moment of the application?

- less than 1 month
- 1-2 months
- more than 2 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, physiotherapists are not required to make a prior declaration

19.1. Why in your view do the procedures for prior declaration in case of temporary provision of services in your country take more than 2 months?

There has never occurred a application for temporary provision of services.

20. Do you have any further comments as to the suitability of the EPC procedure for the profession of physiotherapist?

N/A

E. QUESTIONNAIRE - ENGINEERS

1. Please select the professions which are handled by your authority (please refer to the generic name of the professions as listed in the [Database of Regulated Professions](#)):*

- Engineer
- Civil engineer
- Building engineer
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

There is no public or competent authority that handles the abovementioned professions, as the Netherlands does not regulate these professions. For this reason, we have not answered questions 3 to 19.1.

2. The introduction of the EPC for specific professions is subject to the conditions set out in Article 4a(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC, which include a sufficient interest being expressed by the relevant stakeholders.

Does your authority support the introduction of the EPC for your respective profession(s)?*

- Yes
- Yes, but only for certain engineers handled by your authority
- No
- We do not know

2.1 If your authority supports the introduction of EPC only for certain (not all) professions handled by your authority, please specify the professions for which you support the introduction of EPC:

2.2 If you consider that EPC should NOT be introduced for engineers, please explain your position:

No. The profession of engineer is not regulated in the Netherlands. We therefore do not have a competent authority who could assist the professional at hand, ensure the professional qualifications are validated before either the EPC is issued or is sent to the relevant Member States where the professional wishes to gain recognition.

The Netherlands is unfavourable towards introducing an EPC for non-regulated professions for a number of reasons. Firstly, there are no competent or public authorities for non-regulated professions. Introducing the EPC is expected to lead to an increase in administrative burden. Even if the future assistance center might be the designated organisation for the handling of the EPC in the case of non-regulated professions, our current national contact point does not wish to be both an advisory and a decision-making body in the area of recognition.

Secondly, the anticipated labour costs are estimated to be between 600 EUR and 1,100 EUR per EPC procedure for non-regulated professions. What we cannot estimate are the operational costs of the to be introduced EPC system for organisations that are not (yet) competent in the area of recognition of professional qualifications.

Thirdly, the Netherlands would like to stress that the introduction of an implementing act on the EPC should be preceded by an assessment of its suitability for the profession concerned and its impact in real terms on Member States.

Lastly, we feel that Member States should reap the benefits of not regulating professions, of having an open economy and being welcoming to professionals wishing to practice their profession, as is the case in the profession of engineer in the Netherlands.

Should the EPC be introduced for non-regulated professions, Member States such as the Netherlands will have to incur extra administrative burden and costs simply because other Member States do regulate the profession. Instead of introducing an EPC for the profession of engineer, the Netherlands asks relevant authorities to cooperate within the existing framework of the general recognition system provided by the Directive.

● **MOBILITY DATA**

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF (and to the extent) you have access to the data requested.

3. How many professionals (handled by your authority) currently practice on a permanent basis and how many professionals provide services on a temporary basis in your country? Please also indicate the verified data source each time you provide information.

| | Number of permanently established professionals: | Number of professionals providing services on a temporary basis: | Date of reference | Data source: |
|--------------------|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Engineer: | | | | |
| Civil engineer: | | | | |
| Building engineer: | | | | |
| Other: | | | | |

3.1 Please add any comments/observations you consider necessary in relation to the data provided above:

4. In your view, is the mobility of engineers in your country (i.e., the number of incoming and/or outgoing professionals) likely to increase in the coming 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

4.1 Please explain why, in your view, the mobility of engineers is likely to increase or decrease in/out of your country:

5. Do you have any evidence (studies/reports/surveys or similar information) that would demonstrate the mobility trends of engineers and/or their potential for mobility in the future?

If so, please upload any relevant documents:

Alternatively, please specify a link to an online document:

● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF you are handling the procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country.

If the profession of engineer (or the education and training geared to the pursuit of the profession) handled by your authority is not regulated in your country, please go to Question 10.

1) Document requirements in your country acting as the host Member State (i.e., a country of destination)

6. What mandatory application documents are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from engineers from another EU country who want to establish themselves permanently and seek for the recognition of their professional qualifications?

Please note that the competent authority of the host Member State may ask a professional to submit various application documents, which may differ depending on the type of a recognition system that applies.

Recognition of engineers comes under the general system of recognition. This means that the competent authority of the host Member State may compare the training of a professional with the national requirements and in case of substantial differences may impose compensation measures before recognition.

| | General system of recognition |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, continuous professional development, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other mandatory documents | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6.1 If there are "Other mandatory documents" not mentioned in the table above, please specify:

6.2. Is the professional invited to provide any other (optional) documents?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what documents a professional can provide on an optional basis:

6.3 How much is the applicant required to pay for the recognition of his or her professional qualifications in your country (please indicate an average fee for the recognition of professional qualifications in EUR)?

6.4 Please explain how the levels of fees are calculated in your country:

7. Do the competent authorities in your country require that engineers from another EU country who want to provide temporary services submit a prior written declaration?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.1 Do the competent authorities in your country carry out prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC of engineers from another EU country before the first provision of temporary services?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what engineers are subject to prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of the Directive prior to the first provision of temporary services:

7.2. What mandatory documents (if any) are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from engineers from another EU country who want to provide temporary services?

| | Documents for a prior declaration under Article 7(2) of Directive 2005/36/EC | Documents for cases with prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC |
|---|--|---|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of legal establishment in a home Member State (such as attestation from a competent authority or competent professional body, or copy of professional license, extract from trade register, certificate from employer accompanied by tax or social security document) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof that a professional is not suspended or prohibited from practice, even temporarily, in a home Member State (such as, extract from juridical records, certificate from judicial or police authority) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of professional qualifications | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of practical experience of at least two years during the last ten years, when training/profession are not regulated in an EU country of establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents", please specify:

8. Do the competent authorities in your country typically ask for translations and certified copies of the application documents? If so, for which documents?

| | Certified copy | Ordinary translation | Certified/authorised translation |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents", please specify:

9. What types of payment are acceptable for recognition procedures in your country (acting as host Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

9.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

9.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for applications?

- Prior to application (attach to application)
- During the application
- After the procedure for recognition is completed
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

2) Procedures in your country acting as the home Member State (i.e., a country of origin)

10. What application documents do engineers typically request from the authorities in their country of origin (acting as the home Member State) prior to submitting an application for recognition of qualification in another EU country? What are the fees applicable to the issuance of the certificates (in EUR) and who is entitled to issue the requested documents?

| | Documents issued in the home Member State (please mark "x"): | Average applicable fees (in EUR): | Issuing authority (or other relevant body) |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Certificate of good conduct/good standing/good health/good character/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that the professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious misconduct or criminal offence | | | |
| Certificate of professional experience if a professional holds qualification obtained in a non-EEA country and this qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | | | |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslips or attestations from employers) | | | |
| Proof of legal establishment in an EU country (e.g., in case of prior declaration for temporary provision of services) | | | |
| Other documents (please specify) | | | |

Please explain how the levels of fees for issued certificates are calculated in your country:

11. What types of payment are acceptable for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10 in your country (acting as home Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

11.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

11.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for certificates?

- Prior to the request for the document concerned
- During the treatment of the request by the competent authority
- After the issuance of the document concerned
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

3) Other questions related to the procedures of recognition

12. In your view, what types of payment would be most preferred in the context of EPC procedure?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

12.1. If "Online payments" are most preferred, please specify the means of online payments:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

12.2 Please explain your position:

13. How can the engineer apply for the recognition of their professional qualifications in your country (multiple choice possible)?

- By an online application
- By a written application (offline)
- We do not know
- Not relevant, the profession of an engineer is not regulated in your country

14. In your view, is there any need for written (off-line) applications for the EPC (in addition to a possibility to apply online via a public interface)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

Please explain your answer:

15. If online applications are possible in your country(ies), do the competent authorities request any particular form of the electronic documents (e.g., a document validated by an electronic signature)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of an engineer is not regulated in your country

15.1. If the competent authority in your country accepts any particular form of electronic documents for the applications for recognition of qualifications, please provide more details (e.g., what are these documents? how are they are submitted?):

16. If relevant, please describe the experiences (either positive or negative) encountered by engineers which are related to online applications and/or submission of electronic documents in your country:

17. To your best knowledge, how many engineers in your country would be able to use an online application for the EPC?

- None
- Only a few
- Majority
- A vast majority
- All of them

● OTHER QUESTIONS

18. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for an engineer from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the general system of recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-4 months
- more than 4 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of an engineer is not regulated in your country

18.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 4 months under the general system of recognition?

19. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for an engineer from another EU country to make a declaration for temporary provision of services from the moment of the application?

- 1-2 months
- more than 2 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, engineers are not required to make a prior declaration

19.1. Why in your view do the procedures for prior declaration in case of temporary provision of services in your country take more than 2 months?

20. Do you have any further comments as to the suitability of the EPC procedure for the profession of engineer?

See response to question 2.2

F. QUESTIONNAIRE - MOUNTAIN GUIDES

1. Please select the professions which are handled by your authority:*

- Mountain guides
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

There is no public or competent authority that handles the abovementioned profession, as the Netherlands does not regulate this profession. For this reason, we have not answered questions 3 to 19.1.

2. The introduction of the EPC for specific professions is subject to the conditions set out in Article 4a(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC, which include a sufficient interest being expressed by the relevant stakeholders.

Does your authority support the introduction of the EPC for your respective profession(s)?*

- Yes
- Yes, but only for certain mountain guides handled by your authority
- No
- We do not know

2.1 If your authority supports the introduction of EPC only for certain (not all) professions handled by your authority, please specify the professions for which you support introduction of EPC:

2.2 If you consider that EPC should NOT be introduced for mountain guides, please explain your position:

No. The profession of mountain guide is not regulated in the Netherlands, as it does not exist. We therefore do not have a competent authority who could assist the professional at hand, ensure the professional qualifications are validated before either the EPC is issued or is sent to the relevant Member States where the professional wishes to gain recognition. The Netherlands is unfavourable towards introducing an EPC for non-regulated professions for a number of reasons. Firstly, there are no competent or public authorities for non-regulated professions. Introducing the EPC is expected to lead to an increase in administrative burden. Even if the future assistance center might be the designated organisation for the handling of the EPC in the case of non-regulated professions, our current national contact point does not wish to be both an advisory and a decision-making body in the area of recognition. Secondly, the anticipated labour costs are estimated to be between 600 EUR and 1,100 EUR per EPC procedure for non-regulated professions. What we cannot estimate are the operational costs of the to be introduced EPC system for organisations that are not (yet) competent in the area of recognition of professional qualifications. Thirdly, the Netherlands would like to stress that the introduction of an implementing act on the EPC should be preceded by an assessment of its suitability for the profession concerned and its impact in real terms on Member States. Lastly, we feel that Member States should reap the benefits of not regulating professions, of having an open economy and being welcoming to professionals wishing to practice their profession. Should the EPC be introduced for non-regulated professions, Member States such as the Netherlands will have to incur extra administrative burden and costs simply because other Member States do regulate the profession. Instead of introducing an EPC for the profession of mountain guides, the Netherlands asks relevant authorities to cooperate within the existing framework of the general recognition system provided by the Directive.

● **MOBILITY DATA**

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF (and to the extent) you have access to the data requested.

3. How many mountain guides currently practice on a permanent basis and how many professionals provide services on a temporary basis in your country? Please also indicate the verified data source each time you provide information.

| | Number of permanently established professionals: | Number of professionals providing services on a temporary basis: | Date of reference | Data source: |
|------------------|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Mountain guides: | | | | |

3.1 Please add any comments/observations you consider necessary in relation to the data provided above:

4. In your view, is the mobility of mountain guides in your country (i.e., the number of incoming and/or outgoing professionals) likely to increase in the coming 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

4.1 Please explain why, in your view, the mobility of mountain guides is likely to increase or decrease in/out of your country:

5. Do you have any evidence (studies/reports/surveys or similar information) that would demonstrate the mobility trends of mountain guides and/or their potential for mobility in the future?

If so, please upload any relevant documents:

Alternatively, please specify a link to an online document:

● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF you are handling the procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country.

If a profession of mountain guide (or the education and training geared to the pursuit of the profession) handled by your authority is not regulated in your country, please go to Question 10.

1) Document requirements in your country acting as the host Member State (i.e., a country of destination)

6. What mandatory application documents are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from mountain guides from another EU country who want to establish themselves permanently and seek for the recognition of their professional qualifications?

Please note that the competent authority of the host Member State may ask a professional to submit various application document, which may differ depending on the type of a recognition system that applies.

*Recognition of mountain guides comes under **the general system of recognition**. This means that the competent authority of the host Member State may compare the training of a professional with the national requirements and in case of substantial differences may impose compensation measures before recognition.*

| | General system of recognition |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, continuous professional development, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other mandatory documents | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6.1 If there are "Other mandatory documents" not mentioned in the table above, please specify:

6.2. Is the professional invited to provide any other (optional) documents?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what documents a professional can provide on an optional basis:

6.3 How much is the applicant required to pay for the recognition of his or her professional qualifications in your country (please indicate an average fee for the recognition of professional qualifications in EUR)?

6.4 Please explain how the levels of recognition fees are calculated in your country:

7. Do the competent authorities in your country require that mountain guides from another EU country who want to provide temporary services submit a prior written declaration?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.1 Do the competent authorities in your country carry out prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC of mountain guides from another EU country before the first provision of temporary services?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.2. What mandatory documents (if any) are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from mountain guides from another EU country who want to provide temporary services?

| | Documents for a prior declaration under Article 7(2) of Directive 2005/36/EC | Documents for cases with prior check of qualifications under Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC |
|---|--|---|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of legal establishment in a home Member State (such as attestation from a competent authority or competent professional body, or copy of professional license, extract from trade register, certificate from employer accompanied by tax or social security document) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof that a professional is not suspended or prohibited from practice, even temporarily, in a home Member State (such as, extract from juridical records, certificate from judicial or police authority) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of professional qualifications | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of practical experience of at least two years during the last ten years, when training/profession are not regulated in an EU country of establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents", please specify:

8. Do the competent authorities in your country typically ask for translations and certified copies of the application documents? If so, for which documents?

| | Certified copy | Ordinary translation | Certified/authorised translation |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents", please specify:

9. What types of payment are acceptable for recognition procedures in your country (acting as host Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

9.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

9.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for applications?

- Prior to application (attach to application)
- During application
- After the procedure for recognition is completed
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

2) Procedures in your country acting as the home Member State (i.e., a country of origin)

10. What application documents do mountain guides typically request from the authorities in their country of origin (acting as the home Member State) prior to submitting an application for recognition of qualification in another EU country? What are the fees applicable to the issuance of the certificates (in EUR) and who is entitled to issue the requested documents?

| | Documents issued in the home Member State (please mark "x"): | Average applicable fees (in EUR): | Issuing authority (or other relevant body) |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Certificate of good conduct/good standing/good health/good character/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that the professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious misconduct or criminal offence | | | |
| Certificate of professional experience if a professional holds qualification obtained in a non-EEA country and this qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | | | |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslips or attestations from employers) | | | |
| Proof of legal establishment in an EU country (e.g., in case of prior declaration for temporary provision of services) | | | |
| Other documents (please specify) | | | |

Please explain how the levels of fees for issued certificates are calculated in your country:

11. What types of payment are acceptable for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10 in your country (acting as home Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

11.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

11.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for certificates?

- Prior to request of the documents concerned
- During the treatment of request
- After the issuance of the documents
- Other
- We do not know

If "Other", please specify:

3) Other questions related to the procedures of recognition

12. In your view, what types of payment would be most preferred in the context of EPC procedure?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

12.1. If "Online payments" are most preferred, please specify the means of online payments:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

12.2 Please explain your position:

13. How can a mountain guide apply for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country (multiple choice possible)?

- By an online application
- By a written application (offline)
- We do not know
- Not relevant, the profession of a mountain guide is not regulated in your country

14. In your view, is there any need for written (off-line) applications for the EPC (in addition to a possibility to apply online via a public interface)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

Please explain your answer:

15. If online applications are possible in your country(ies), do the competent authorities request any particular form of the electronic documents (e.g., a document validated by an electronic signature)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of a mountain guide is not regulated in your country

15.1. If the competent authority in your country accepts any particular form of electronic documents for the applications for recognition of qualifications, please provide more details (e.g., what are these documents? how are they are submitted?):

16. If relevant, please describe the experiences (either positive or negative) encountered by mountain guides which are related to online applications and/or submission of electronic documents in your country:

17. To your best knowledge, how many mountain guides in your country would be able to use an online application for the EPC?

- None
- Only a few
- Majority
- A vast majority
- All of them

● **OTHER QUESTIONS**

18. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a mountain guide from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the general system of recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-4 months
- more than 4 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of a mountain guide is not regulated in your country

18.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 4 months under the general system of recognition?

19. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a mountain guide from another EU country to make a declaration for temporary provision of services from the moment of the application?

- 1-2 months
- more than 2 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, mountain guides are not required to make a prior declaration

19.1. Why in your view do the procedures for prior declaration in case of temporary provision of services in your country take more than 2 months?

20. Do you have any further comments as to the suitability of the EPC procedure for the profession of mountain guide?

See response to question 2.2

G. QUESTIONNAIRE - REAL ESTATE AGENT

1. Please select the professions which are handled by your authority:*

- Real estate agents
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

There is no public or competent authority that handles the abovementioned profession, as the Netherlands does not regulate this profession. For this reason, we have not answered questions 3 to 19.1.

2. The introduction of the EPC for specific professions is subject to the conditions set out in Article 4a(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC, which include a sufficient interest being expressed by the relevant stakeholders.

Does your authority support the introduction of the EPC for your respective profession(s)?*

- Yes
- Yes, but only for certain real estate agents handled by your authority
- No
- We do not know

2.1 If your authority supports the introduction of EPC only for certain (not all) professions handled by your authority, please specify the professions for which you support introduction of EPC:

2.2 If you consider that EPC should NOT be introduced for estate agents, please explain your position:

No. The profession of estate agent is not regulated in the Netherlands. We therefore do not have a competent authority who could assist the professional at hand, ensure the professional qualifications are validated before either the EPC is issued or is sent to the relevant Member States where the professional wishes to gain recognition.

The Netherlands is unfavourable towards introducing an EPC for non-regulated professions for a number of reasons.

Firstly, there are no competent or public authorities for non-regulated professions. Introducing the EPC is expected to lead to an increase in administrative burden. Even if the future assistance center might be the designated organisation for the handling of the EPC in the case of non-regulated professions, our current national contact point does not wish to be both an advisory and a decision-making body in the area of recognition.

Secondly, the anticipated labour costs are estimated to be between 600 EUR and 1,100 EUR per EPC procedure for non-regulated professions. What we cannot estimate are the operational costs of the to be introduced EPC system for organisations that are not (yet) competent in the area of recognition of professional qualifications.

Thirdly, the Netherlands would like to stress that the introduction of an implementing act on the EPC should be preceded by an assessment of its suitability for the profession concerned and its impact in real terms on Member States.

Lastly, we feel that Member States should reap the benefits of not regulating professions, of having an open economy and being welcoming to professionals wishing to practice their profession, as is the case in the profession of estate agent in the Netherlands. Should the EPC be introduced for non-regulated professions, Member States such as the Netherlands will have to incur extra administrative burden and costs simply because other Member States do regulate the profession. Instead of introducing an EPC for the profession of engineer, the Netherlands asks relevant authorities to cooperate within the existing framework of the general recognition system provided by the Directive.

● **MOBILITY DATA**

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF (and to the extent) you have access to the data requested.

3. How many estate agents currently practice on a permanent basis and how many professionals provide services on a temporary basis in your country? Please also indicate the verified data source each time you provide information.

| | Number of permanently established professionals: | Number of professionals providing services on a temporary basis: | Date of reference | Data source: |
|---------------------|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Real estate agents: | | | | |

3.1 Please add any comments/observations you consider necessary in relation to the data provided above:

4. In your view, is the mobility of estate agents in your country (i.e., the number of incoming and/or outgoing professionals) likely to increase in the coming 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

4.1 Please explain why, in your view, the mobility of estate agents is likely to increase or decrease in/out of your country:

5. Do you have any evidence (studies/reports/surveys or similar information) that would demonstrate the mobility trends of estate agents and/or their potential for mobility in the future?

If so, please upload any relevant documents:

Alternatively, please specify a link to an online document:

● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please note that you are requested to answer the following questions ONLY IF you are handling the procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country.

If a profession of estate agent (or the education and training geared to the pursuit of the profession) handled by your authority is not regulated in your country, please go to Question 10.

1) Document requirements in your country acting as the host Member State (i.e., a country of destination)

6. What mandatory application documents are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from estate agents from another EU country who want to establish themselves permanently and seek for the recognition of their professional qualifications?

Please note that the competent authority of the host Member State may ask a professional to submit various application document, which may differ depending on the type of a recognition system that applies.

*Recognition of estate agents comes under **the general system of recognition**. This means that the competent authority of the host Member State may compare the training of a professional with the national requirements and in case of substantial differences may impose compensation measures before recognition.*

| | General system of recognition |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, continuous professional development, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other mandatory documents | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6.1 If there are "Other mandatory documents" not mentioned in the table above, please specify:

6.2. Is the professional invited to provide any other (optional) documents?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

If so, please specify what documents a professional can provide on an optional basis:

6.3 How much is the applicant required to pay for the recognition of his or her professional qualifications in your country (please indicate an average fee for the recognition of professional qualifications in EUR)?

6.4 Please explain how the levels of fees are calculated in your country:

7. Do the competent authorities in your country require that estate agents from another EU country who want to provide temporary services submit a prior written declaration?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

7.1. What mandatory documents (if any) are typically requested by the competent authority in your country from estate agents from another EU country who want to provide temporary services?

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|---|--|
| | Documents for a prior declaration under Article 7(2) of Directive 2005/36/EC |
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of legal establishment in a home Member State (such as attestation from a competent authority or competent professional body, or copy of professional license, extract from trade register, certificate from employer accompanied by tax or social security document) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof that a professional is not suspended or prohibited from practice, even temporarily, in a home Member State (such as, extract from juridical records, certificate from judicial or police authority) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of professional qualifications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of practical experience of at least two years during the last ten years, when training/profession are not regulated in an EU country of establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents", please specify:

8. Do the competent authorities in your country typically ask for translations and certified copies of the application documents? If so, for which documents?

| | Certified copy | Ordinary translation | Certified/authorised translation |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proof of nationality (e.g., passport or ID card) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of attestation or qualification (e.g., a copy of diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other information about the training (duration, subjects studied, ratio between theory and practice, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate issued by a public authority on proof of professional experience if qualified in a non-EEA country and qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslip or attestation from employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of good character/repute/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that a professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious professional misconduct or criminal offence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical certificate/fitness to practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financial standing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of insurance cover or other means of protection with regard to professional liability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If there are "Other documents", please specify:

9. What types of payment are acceptable for recognition procedures in your country (acting as host Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

9.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

9.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for applications?

- Prior to application (attach to application)
- During application
- After the procedure for recognition is completed
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

2) Procedures in your country acting as the home Member State (i.e., a country of origin)

10. What application documents do estate agents typically request from the authorities in their country of origin (acting as the home Member State) prior to submitting an application for recognition of qualification in another EU country? What are the fees applicable to the issuance of the certificates (in EUR) and who is entitled to issue the requested documents?

| | Documents issued in the home Member State (please mark "x"): | Average applicable fees (in EUR): | Issuing authority (or other relevant body) |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Certificate of good conduct/good standing/good health/good character/no declaration of bankruptcy or the fact that the professional has not been suspended or prohibited from practice for serious misconduct or criminal offence | | | |
| Certificate of professional experience if a professional holds qualification obtained in a non-EEA country and this qualification has already been recognised by another EU country | | | |
| Other proof of professional experience (e.g., payslips or attestations from employers) | | | |
| Proof of legal establishment in an EU country (e.g., in case of prior declaration for temporary provision of services) | | | |
| Other documents (please specify) | | | |

Please explain how the levels of fees for issued certificates are calculated in your country:

11. What types of payment are acceptable for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10 in your country (acting as home Member State)?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

11.1. If "Online payments" are accepted by the authorities in your country for issuing the certificates specified above in Q10, please specify the means of online payments available:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

11.2 When do professionals have to execute the payments for certificates?

- Prior to request of the documents concerned
- During the treatment of request
- After the issuance of the documents
- Other
- We do not know

If "Other", please specify:

3) Other questions related to the procedures of recognition

12. In your view, what types of payment would be most preferred in the context of EPC procedure?

- Onsite payments (i.e., done in the location of the authority, the bank, post office, etc.)
- Online payments (i.e., done remotely via web or mobile device)

12.1. If "Online payments" are most preferred, please specify the means of online payments:

- credit card
- bank card
- bank transfer
- PayPal
- Other

If "Other", please specify:

12.2 Please explain your position:

13. How can a estate agent apply for the recognition of professional qualifications in your country (multiple choice possible)?

- By an online application
- By a written application (offline)
- We do not know
- Not relevant, the profession of a estate agent is not regulated in your country

14. In your view, is there any need for written (off-line) applications for the EPC (in addition to a possibility to apply online via a public interface)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know

Please explain your answer:

15. If online applications are possible in your country(ies), do the competent authorities request any particular form of the electronic documents (e.g., a document validated by an electronic signature)?

- Yes
- No
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of a estate agent is not regulated in your country

15.1 If the competent authority in your country accepts any particular form of electronic documents for the applications for recognition of qualifications, please provide more details (e.g., what are these documents? how are they are submitted?):

16. If relevant, please describe the experiences (either positive or negative) encountered by estate agents which are related to online applications and/or submission of electronic documents in your country:

17. To your best knowledge, how many estate agents in your country would be able to use an online application for the EPC?

- None
- Only a few
- Majority
- A vast majority
- All of them

● OTHER QUESTIONS

18. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a estate agent from another EU country to receive recognition of professional qualifications under the general system of recognition from the moment of the application?

- 1-4 months
- more than 4 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, profession of a estate agent is not regulated in your country

18.1. Why in your view do the procedures for recognition in your country take more than 4 months under the general system of recognition?

19. To your best knowledge, how long does it typically take in your country for a estate agent from another EU country to make a declaration for temporary provision of services from the moment of the application?

- less than 1 month
- 1-2 months
- more than 2 months
- We do not know
- Not relevant, estate agents are not required to make a prior declaration

19.1. Why in your view do the procedures for prior declaration in case of temporary provision of services in your country take more than 2 months?

20. Do you have any further comments as to the suitability of the EPC procedure for the profession of estate agent?

See response to question 2.2

H. OTHER PROFESSIONS

Thank you for your interest in the questionnaire on the introduction of the EPC for nurses, doctors, pharmacists, physiotherapists, engineers, mountain guides and estate agents.

As announced, other interested professions will be considered by the Commission at a subsequent stage of the introduction of the EPC.

FINAL QUESTIONS

Further comments:

The Netherlands looks forward to fruitful discussions with the European Commission and other Member States in the Group of Coordinators on the introduction of the EPC. While we are sympathetic to the introduction of the EPC in a profession that is regulated in almost all MS, we do hope that the Commission takes the views and concerns of non-regulating MS into account.

Please upload any additional document you consider relevant in support of your response to this consultation:

Thank you for your cooperation!