
CEBRE – Czech Business Representation to the EU and Czech Permanent Representation to the EU would like to jointly invite you to a debate on

FUTURE OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN EUROPE

Where: Czech Permanent Representation to the EU, 15 Rue Caroly, B-1050 Brussels
When: 12th October 2011, 9h30 - 11h00

Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC, adopted in 2005, sets the rules for mutual recognition of professional qualifications of those (employees or self-employed) willing to work in another Member State. Holders of diplomas certifying successful completion of training at post-secondary level of a duration of at least one year should be permitted access to a regulated profession in a Member State where access is contingent upon possession of a diploma certifying successful completion of higher or university education of four years' duration, regardless of the level to which the diploma required in the host Member State belongs. In order to modernize the Directive and simplify its rules, the European Commission will come up with a legislative proposal in December 2011 based on the results of the public consultation on a Green Paper on professional qualifications opened from June till September 2011. The revision should facilitate geographical mobility of workers and improve a functioning of the internal market. The Commission also considers a creation of a professional card.

Many questions arise: Should be the code of conduct for national administrations on practices for recognition of professional qualifications enforced into legislation? Should be the professional card introduced as a status to be recognised throughout the Union? What the key considerations should be in the updating of minimum training requirements?

The following **DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS** will help to find answers to abovementioned questions:

- **Mrs. Lucie ŠESTÁKOVÁ**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the EU;
- **Mr. Jurgen TIEDJE**, Head of Movement of Professionals Unit, DG MARKT, European Commission;
- **Mrs. Emma McCLARKIN**, MEP, Rapporteur on the Implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive;
- **Mrs. Liliane VOLOZINSKIS**, Director of Social Policy and Vocational Training, UEAPME;
- **Ms Michèle CLAUS**, Director of the Labour Relations of FEB-VBO, Member of Social Affairs Committee of BUSINESSEUROPE.

Shall you be interested in taking part in the debate, please register at brussels@cebre.cz before 10th October 2011.

Yours faithfully,

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