

INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR

THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE EU AND
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PROGRAMME

Trainer and Project Leader: *Dr Timm Rentrop*, Senior Lecturer, EIPA

Monday, 12 November 2007

- 11.30* **Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar, its objectives and methods**
- 12:00* **The Participants' Perception of the Systems for the Recognition of foreign Diplomas and their Views on the Problems in this Field**
The participants will be asked to discuss, in pairs, their views on the situation. A questionnaire will be at their disposal to indicate items of individual interest they would like to see addressed in this part of the programme.
- 13.00* *Lunch*
- The Context of the EU Rules on the Recognition of Foreign Diplomas and Qualifications:**
- 14.00* **The EU, its Legal System and the Repercussions on the Powers and Duties of National Officials**
- 15.00* *Coffee break*
- 15.30* **The Internal Market**
- The EU Rules on the Recognition of Foreign Diplomas:**
- 16.30* **The Rulings by the European Court of Justice that preceded the Legislation**
- 17.30* End of the day's proceedings
- 19.00* *Joint dinner*

Tuesday, 13 November 2007

The EU's rules on the Recognition of Foreign Diplomas:

09.30 **The Sectoral Directives**

10.15 **The 3 General Systems' Directives**

11.00 *Coffee break*

11.30 **Rulings of the European Court of Justice that influence the implementation and use of the Directives on the recognition of foreign professional qualifications**

12.10 **The new Directive on the Recognition of Foreign Diplomas**

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 **The Lessons to be drawn**

The participants will be asked to discuss, in pairs and using a questionnaire, the information obtained during the seminar, how it applies to their situation and how it can help them as well as where they need to review their practice in the light of the briefings

14.30 **Evaluation of the Seminar**

15.00 End of the Seminar

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 14 November 2007

- 09.00 **Welcome and Introduction to the Programme**
Dr Timm Rentrop, Lecturer, Project Leader, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 09.15 **What is the Relevance of the Issue of Mutual Recognition?**
The participants will be asked to discuss, in pairs, the agenda of the colloquium and the relevance of the issue of recognition of diplomas to their work. A questionnaire will give them the opportunity to indicate items of individual interest which they would like to see addressed in the programme
- 09.45 **Introduction**
A Review of the Principles of EU Law involved here
How Member States must implement EU legislation, the free movement of persons and services in general and how to handle the recognition of foreign diplomas, the issues of language skills and other requirements a national authority may impose on foreign professionals in particular
Dr Timm Rentrop
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.00 **The Implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC**
The New Diploma-Recognition Directive of the EU
Pamela Brumter, Head of Unit (or her representative), European Commission, Internal Market Directorate-General, Regulated professions (Unit D3), Brussels (BE)
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.45 **Challenges and Solutions when transposing and implementing Directive 2005/36/EC: The Case of the UK**
Steve McCarthy, Teachers' Qualifications Coordinator, GTC - General Teaching Council for England, London (UK)
- 15.45 Coffee break

- 16.00 **The Code of Good Conduct – is it up to date ?**
Lous d'Artillac Brill, private consultant, national coordinator for the General System from 1992 until 1.1.2006
- 17.00 **The Participants' Perception of the State of Implementation**
 The participants will be asked to discuss and present their views on the situation.
- 17.45 **Panel discussion** on the problems encountered in practice
Previous speakers
- 18.30 End of the day's proceedings
- 19.00 **Reception and Dinner at EIPA's Restaurant**

Thursday, 15 November 2007

- 09.00 **The BEUTTENMÜLLER-Ruling and the new Perspective to be adopted when examining Foreign Diplomas**
Dr Timm Rentrop
- 09.30 **Challenges and Solutions when transposing and implementing Directive 2005/36/EC: The Case of the Netherlands**
Mr. Henk Stoop of RIBIZ, the registering unit of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Hague (NL) (invited)
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Challenges and Solutions when transposing and implementing Directive 2005/36/EC: The Case of the UK**
Ms Marta Pawluczyk, Adjudication Manager Overseas Registration Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, London
- 12.00 **Challenges and Solutions when transposing and implementing Directive 2005/36/EC: The Case of Germany**
Ms. Elke Wiegand, Dezernat Gesundheitswesen, Regierungspräsidium Darmstadt, Darmstadt (DE)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **The Internal Market Information System (IMI)**
 The new tool to enhance the Internal Market through better cross-border administrative cooperation
Nicholas Leapman, Head of Unit (or her representative), European Commission, Internal Market Directorate-General, Administrative cooperation and Member States' networks (Unit E3), Brussels (BE) (invited)
- 14.30 **Introduction to the Working Groups**
 Presentation of the methodology, and discussion leading to the definite agenda of the working groups; proposals for issues for discussion could also be submitted during the previous sessions.

- 15.00 **Working Groups**
Coffee will be available in the course of the proceedings
Proposed issues for discussion: (The final agenda will be determined by the participants during the introductory session)
- Identifying new rules added by Directive 2005/336/EC that require ‘proper’ innovation
 - The attitude and methodology required from public officials;
 - How to increase the ease with which regulatory authorities handle foreign applicants/papers – How to make this “come naturally” to them ?
 - How to make administrative cooperation a reality ?
 - The ability of professional organisations to regulate professions with a European perspective, including the introduction of efficient recognition mechanisms and the enforcement of professional ethics and codes of conduct across borders and how to prevent this from being an obstacle to the free movement of persons;
 - Setting up common professional platforms – how to establish the differences that require ‘institutionalised’ compensatory measures ?
 - The acceptability of “lifelong qualifying” (regular testing, as in the case of pilots, to ensure that standards are maintained) and how this may ease the recognition of foreign diplomas and qualifications.
- 17.00 **Presentation of the Results of the Working Groups and Plenary Discussion**
- 17.30 **Enforced De-Regulation through Mis-Transposition of Directives**
The *Aslanidou*-Ruling has the potential to force the complete liberalisation of a regulated profession in a country where the transposition of Directives is faulty
Dr Timm Rentrop
- 18.30 End of the day’s proceedings

Friday, 16 November 2007

- 09.00 **Comitology Committees regarding Diploma-Recognition: how is the Move from the old ones to the new combined Committee Progressing ?**
Dr Manuela Alfé, Researcher, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 10:00 **Workshop: How to handle the 4 criteria to make the Distinction between Establishment (long-term) and Service (short-term)**
Dr Timm Rentrop
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **The Consumer Protection Aspects of Directive 2005/36/EC**
Dr Timm Rentrop

- 12:00 **A Case-Study on the use of the option to require notification from service-providers: The LIMOSA System in Belgium (<http://www.limosa.be>)**
Bruno de Pauw, International Relations, Federal Public Service Social Security, Brussels (BE)
- 12:30 **When Language Abilities can be validly imposed on migrants and how: Can Article 53 of the new Diploma-Recognition Directive be used to impose language requirements?**
Dr. Lourens R. Kooij MD PhD, co-ordinating secretary Koninklijke Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot bevordering der Geneeskunst (Royal Dutch Medical Association), Utrecht (NL)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **Case-Studies on how the ‘sectoral system’ for the Recognition of Qualifications works in practice, including the consideration of diplomas from third countries (non-EU states): The case of *Doctors***
Dr. Lourens R. Kooij MD PhD
- 14:20 **Simulation of recognition procedures for Doctor’s Diplomas**
Dr. Lourens R. Kooij MD PhD
- 15:30 **The Lessons to be drawn**
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- 16:00 **Evaluation of the Seminar**
- 16:30 End of the Seminar

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Programmes

Introductory seminar: it will commence on Monday 12 November at 11.30 hrs and finish on Tuesday 13 November at 15.00 hrs.

Colloquium: the programme will start on Wednesday 14 November at 09.00 hrs and finish at Friday 16 November at 16.30 hrs.

Venue

The *introductory seminar* and the *Colloquium* will take place at the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296222, fax: +31.43.3296296.

Working languages

The *introductory seminar* will be conducted in *English only*. For the *Colloquium* also simultaneous interpretation into *German* will be provided (please note that interpretation will be subject to a minimum number of participants requiring translation). Please indicate your language of preference on the registration form.

Fee

Introductory seminar: the participation fee is € 500 and includes documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments.

Colloquium: the participation fee is € 925 and includes documentation, 3 lunches, 1 reception-dinner and refreshments (**€125 reduction when combined participation in the introductory seminar and colloquium**).

Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

Hotel reservations

The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make reservations for you at a hotel in Maastricht. We have made a block booking at Hotel Beaumont**** (www.beaumont.nl), at a rate of €97 p.p.p.n. (incl. breakfast and tourist tax). Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the name of the hotel and the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

Meals

The lunches will be served at the Institute's restaurant. The introductory seminar's dinner in the evening will be at a restaurant in town, the colloquium reception-dinner will be at EIPA's restaurant. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Registration

Kindly complete the registration form and return it **before 25 October 2007** to Ms Eveline Hermens, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296259, fax: +31.43.3296296, e-mail: e.hermens@eipa-nl.com. You can also submit the online registration form which can be found on EIPA's web site: <http://www.eipa.nl> (*conferences*).

Confirmation

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

Payment

Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. In any case, the participant or his/her administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee. For cancellations received after the date indicated on the registration form we will have to charge an administration fee of €150 unless a replacement participant is found.

REGISTRATION FORM

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First name: _____ M / F
Current position: _____
Organisation: _____
Department: _____
Work address: _____
Postal code & town: _____ Country: _____
Tel. no. (work): _____ Fax no.: _____
E-mail address: _____

PAYMENT - p:\0731502

The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and beverages **€ 500**

Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.
Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail:

Credit card

Visa Card Eurocard/Mastercard American Express Card

Card no.: Expiry date:/.....

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- EIPA reserves the right to cancel the seminar up to 2 weeks before the starting date. EIPA accepts no responsibility for costs incurred (travel, hotel etc.)

HOTEL RESERVATION

Please reserve hotel accommodation for me at hotel Beaumont

Date of arrival:

Date of departure:

No. of nights:

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Lunch Day 2 will attend will not attend

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Your name and address will be part of EIPA's database for mailing purpose only.

Please tick if you don't want to be included in our mailing database.

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Language preference: *English* *German*

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I also participate to the introductory seminar; my colloquium fee is now only **€800**

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