

Common Training Frameworks: Legal Provisions and Practical Questions

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Amending

Directive 2005/36/EC on recognition of professional qualifications

and

Regulation N° 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System ('the IMI regulation')

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Directive of the European Parliament and the Council
on Professional Qualifications

shall be :

transposed within

2 years

in the National Law of all EU Member States,
after publication in the EU Official Journal.

- revised after 5 years

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9/10/13: Adoption by the European Parliament

15/11/13: Adoption by the Council

17/01/14: Published in the EU Official Journal

2015: Propositions and adoption by EU countries

Jan 2016: Deadline for transposition into national Law

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Amendments

European Professional Card

Alert Mechanism

Partial Access

Language Skills

Continuous Professional Development

Professional Traineeships

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A new regime for automatic recognition.

The new Directive makes it possible for EU Member States to decide on a common set of knowledge, skills and competences that are needed to pursue a given profession.

These aim at introducing more automaticity in the recognition of qualifications currently covered by the general system, without compensation measures, in all EU countries.

Common Training Frameworks Requirements

- Profession regulated in at least 1/3 of Member States
- Enabling more professionals to move across Member States
- Transparent due process, including the relevant stakeholders from Member States where the profession is not regulated
- The common training framework shall be based on levels of the EQF

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Each profession shall propose its CTF

and take care of :

- its regulation and
- protection of the consumer

With a general high level of competence
of the professionals

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How to prepare CTF

1) At national level:

The representatives of the profession contact the **coordinator** and collaborate at national level and with the ministries in charge of the Transposition.

Prepare in each country the **harmonization** according to the propositions of **CTF for one profession**.

2) At European Level

European Federation for one profession:

analyse the situation as it is and send a questionnaire to the representatives of all EU countries.

3) **Find 10 countries : Government + Professionals**
agrees to make propositions to the EC

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When the proposition of « **Common Training Frameworks** » by 10 EU MS will be adopted ,

- it will become compulsory for all EU Member States to transpose in the national Law
- we will then have the same system of free movement, like the 7 “sectoral” professions, thanks to the harmonisation of education.

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Important points to bear in mind:

- The goal of the European Commission is to **include as many Member States as possible in each CTF.**
- The European Commission's mission is to **collaborate with the Member States** and not to use the CTF as a way of recognizing some professions "above" the Member States. The CTF procedure has to be completed with the agreement of the Member States and in a transparent way.
- The priority of the European Commission is to boost mobility within the Single Market by **reaching automatic mutual recognition of qualifications the fastest and easiest way possible.**
- The European Commission has to follow the policy guidelines for Growth announced by President Juncker.

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Important points to bear in mind:

- The European Commission's DG "Growth" – Unit "Free Movement of Professionals" is going **to prepare by Summer a document** aiming at helping stakeholders to better understand CTF.
- The European Commission's general idea on the CTF is that their goal is neither to lower standards nor to design the perfect training for a profession. The Commission wishes to guarantee a decent level of quality common to all Member States
- The European Commission's DG for Growth has limited resources, a given budget and has to work simultaneously on many projects. For this reason it doesn't have the capacity to examine several CTF projects at the same time.

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Questions:

A country in which a profession seeking a CTF does not have a common training at the national level but does have a common regulation is eligible to become one of the ten Member States needed for a CTF?

*There are three countries in this position:
Luxembourg Cyprus Malta.*

Yes, such a country is eligible.

Either the training or the profession itself should be regulated in a Member State in order for it to be a part of a CTF.

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Questions:

- Is it possible to define a basic set of common knowledge, skills and competences for all branches as a basis + a set of common knowledge, skills and competences for the specific branch?

There are already some. The idea is to work on what already exists to ease the work.

- When is a guideline for proposals to be expected?

As soon as possible (hopefully by Summer), but anyway before the end of 2015.

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Questions:

- **When will consultations on the definition of common training framework begin? Does the Commission intend to proceed by means of a trial on some qualifications or to open a general consultation?**

There is no need for any consultation! CTFs are included in the “Mutual Recognition” Directive and their definition is clear. The European Commission is just going to publish a document aiming at assisting the professions who consider submitting a request for a CTF

- **Does the Commission envisage the creation of an ad hoc working party, as in the case of the European professional card?**

No, there will be a document of guidelines (see previous question) and probably a conference with stakeholders aiming at addressing questions on that document.

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Questions:

- How will the Commission integrate the two features (card and common training framework) with one another?

Their integration is highly feasible and it can be envisaged that a profession has both. The two tools complement each other. The European Commission is not however envisaging to systematically link them.



Questions?



Thank you for your attention