

THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

8TH TERM

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Resolution of the Senate

delivered on the 12th meeting held on 7th October 2011

on the Green Paper: Modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive /Senate Press no. K 070/08/

The Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

I.

Sees

a lot of opportunities for improving of the regulation on mobility of qualified professionals on the internal market;

II.

1. Is convinced

that administrative barriers and excessive time periods for delivering decisions on recognition of professional qualification obtained in another Member State are the main obstacles hindering free movement of qualified labour force in the EU;

2. Agrees with the opinion

that hosting country authorities should be obliged to justify the refusal to recognise professional qualification obtained in another Member State; for this purpose, they should keep close contact with authorities in the country of origin, who are best equipped to assess the compliance of a qualification with European requirements;

3. Recommends

more intensive use of existing administrative cooperation tools among Member States authorities, such as the Internal Market Information system (IMI);

4. Supports

the concept of European professional card issued by the authorities in the country of origin, confirming the compliance of a given qualification with harmonised minimum requirements;

5. Reminds

that no possible amendment of the Directive No. 2005/36/EC should place further administrative burden on the qualification authorities, especially on universities and professional associations;

6. Points out

that enhanced mobility of qualified professionals should not be detrimental to public health or consumer rights, and the strictest rules should be preserved among health professionals;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and about follow-up initiatives;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

> Adolf Jílek sign manual Senate Verifier