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Evaluating the Professional Qualifications Directive Experience reports from competent authorities

## QUETIONNAIRE FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

1. Academic Information Centre – primary evaluation of applicants' documents. Sending the decision to the competent authority of each regulated profession.

For veterinary specialists: Latvian Association of Veterinarians.

- 2. 2008 one veterinary diplomas positive.
- 3. We don't have such experience.
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- 5. No, at present we are not working with the on-line applications or the documents sent to us via e-mails.
- 6. Latvian Association of Veterinarians is the competent authority for veterinary. Recognition is made in 2 steps: 1) by the Academic Information Centre; 2) by the Latvian Association of Veterinarians (final decision). Regarding recognition both of organizations are subordinated to the Ministry of the Education and Science.
- 7. There are no statistics, as we don't have any single case.
- 8. We don't have such experience.
- 9. Yes, this is necessary to know about planned activities.
- 10. We have 5 years advanced training program.
- 11. Yes. We have no accreditation in other Member States.
- 12. Yes, continuous training mandatory to get certificate/license to practice.

- 13. We don't have such experience.
- 14. Yes.
- 15. It could be issued by the competent authority to veterinary specialists, who want to migrate from home Member State for any professional activities abroad.
- 16. We don't have such experience.
- 17. In Latvian legislation we have a rule about the language level necessary to work with the audience (patients). This is the official requirement the application must fulfil if wishes to practice in Latvia. If the level is not correct, it is not allowed to work.

We didn't get any claims about insufficient language level from the patients.