

**Question for written answer E-002137/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Failure to recognise EU academic qualifications for public competitions in Italy

According to recent reports, academic qualifications obtained at universities in the EU are not recognised for the purpose of participating in public competitions in Italy. As a result, it is extremely difficult for people who have followed EU guidelines to gain educational experiences abroad. This state of affairs not only hinders the free movement of workers, but also runs counter to the principles enshrined in the Lisbon Recognition Convention on the mutual recognition of academic qualifications and the harmonisation objectives of the single market, which promotes mobility within and integration into the European labour market.

In the light of the above:

1. Can the Commission verify whether Italy is breaching Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications or other European rules governing the recognition of academic qualifications?
2. What steps will it take to ensure that, with a view to preventing unequal treatment, all Member States, including Italy, adhere completely to European rules on the mutual recognition of academic qualifications?
3. In view of the aforementioned difficulties and with a view to preventing discrimination and to simplifying procedures for individuals and institutions, would it be appropriate to propose a new directive or recommendation to step up the automatic recognition of academic qualifications between Member States?

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