

Question for written answer E-003412/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Administrative obstacles to the recognition of professional qualifications and the mobility of doctors in the EU

Free movement of professionals and mutual recognition of professional qualifications are fundamental principles of the European Union.

However, a specific case of a European doctor who moved to Belgium to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology raises serious questions about the administrative obstacles that health professionals who wish to practise their profession in another Member State still face.

This case raises serious questions about the effectiveness and transparency of national procedures applied to health professionals within the EU.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider it compatible with EU law that a European doctor may, due to lengthy and complex administrative procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications, be denied the possibility of continuing to practise a specialism?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that Member States implement procedures to recognise professional qualifications that are transparent and completed within reasonable and predictable time limits?
3. What protection does EU law provide for European citizens who have obtained their professional qualifications in the United Kingdom, in particular after Brexit?

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