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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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Directive (EU) 2018/958[1] requires Member States to assess, before adoption, whether newly adopted or amended national rules restricting access to, or pursuit of, regulated professions are justified, proportionate and non-discriminatory. The Commission is not aware that Greece would have adopted new, or amended the existing legislation regarding life science professions following entry into force of the Directive, and in any event no such new rules have been notified via the Database of Regulated Professions; thus the procedural obligations under the Directive are not applicable.

In any case, the Directive does not harmonise access requirements for regulated professions, which remain within the competence of Member States subject to the principles of non-discrimination and proportionality[2]. Differences between Member States regarding access opportunities for life sciences graduates do not, in themselves, constitute a breach of EU law.

The Commission monitors the Directive's application in Greece, which has been transposed through Law 4763/2020[3]. The Commission has not received relevant complaints from citizens or companies concerning the application of the Directive with regard to regulation of life sciences professions.

Moreover, from the information provided to the Commission, there does not seem to be a cross-border element between Member States for the EU law to become applicable, as Articles 45 and 49 of the Treaty on the Functioning on the European Union do not generally apply to situations that are purely internal to a single Member State.

Finally, the Commission is not aware of any problem regarding the recognition of life scientists qualifications in other Member States.

[1] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32018L0958.
[2] Case C-575/11 *Nasiopoulos* v *Ipourgos Igias kai Pronoias* EU:C:2013:430, paras 19–20.
[3] As amended by Part VI of Law 5291/2026 following Case C-518/24 *European Commission v Hellenic Republic* EU:C:2025:911.