

Question for written answer E-002285/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Difficulties faced by oral and maxillofacial surgeons

Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications, published in Official Journal L 255 of 30 September 2005, has caused some problems. Specifically, although the way oral and maxillofacial surgeons are trained varies between Member States, the skill-sets of these specialists do not differ significantly. However, some Member States do not recognise the qualifications held by specialists in this field from – among other countries – Spain; by limiting their freedom to work there, such countries are also limiting the free movement of labour.

- Is the Commission aware of the discrimination suffered in various Member States by European specialists in this field?
- What measures has it taken to create cohesive legislation for this single specialism, which has different titles and educational pathways in every country, to put such specialists on an equal footing and enable them to work abroad freely?