

**Question for written answer E-007174/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Free movement of dental professionals and suitable clinical experience

The revised Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications seeks to bring about more automatic recognition of diplomas, so as to promote the mobility of workers in Europe and gear training to the present-day needs of the labour market.

Minimum harmonisation rules have been defined, particularly as regards dental surgeons. Accordingly, European universities are required to provide their students with basic training, which must in particular include 'suitable clinical experience' (Article 34(3)(e)).

However, it appears that 10% of newly qualified dentists in Europe have acquired their qualification without ever having operated, to the detriment of the quality of dental care and patient safety.

Does the Commission propose to take action against the incorrect transposition of this directive by some Member States, which do not require their universities to teach a minimum clinical training programme?