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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on promoting labour mobility of fitness professionals through the recognition of their skills and qualifications

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**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on promoting labour mobility of fitness professionals through the recognition of their skills and qualifications<sup>1</sup>**

1. The Europe 2020 strategy promotes an agenda for new skills and jobs to better match labour supply and demand, including through labour mobility.
2. The 2014 Special Eurobarometer Report on Sport and Physical Activity confirmed that fitness was the largest participant sport and the only area of recreational sport to show growth in the number of people participating.
3. The continuing difficulties in connection with the recognition of skills and qualifications pose a significant barrier to the employment and mobility of many fitness professionals in Europe.
4. The Commission is called upon to encourage the Member States to take due account of the outcomes of the relevant European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations reference group which has determined the principle occupations and skills for fitness professionals.
5. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.