

Question for written answer E-003767/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Standardised assessments for the professional qualifications of asylum seekers

There are a large number of highly qualified and well trained people among the asylum seekers in Europe. These people could also be of – previously overlooked – potential for the European labour market, which is recruiting these types of skilled workers to some extent.

People who are fleeing from somewhere often only have a few possessions with them; certificates and evidence of formal qualifications are certainly not to be found in the hand luggage of these people.

In so far as there is access to the labour market in accordance with the national law applicable in each case, asylum seekers should therefore be given the opportunity to establish or document claimed qualifications by means of a corresponding assessment in the European host country.

1. Does the Commission intend to set uniform standards for the procedures, scope and nature of such qualification assessments for asylum seekers so that they are applicable in every EU state and so that it becomes easier to recognise the professional qualifications of asylum seekers throughout Europe?
2. If so, when and in what form is this supposed to take place?
3. If not, why not?