

**Question for written answer E-004518/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Commission communication on evaluating national regulations on access to professions (COM(2013)0676)

In its communication of 2 October 2013 on evaluating national regulations on access to professions (COM(2013)0676), the Commission sets out a framework enabling Member States to present a first set of national action plans by April 2015. This work will allow the Commission, together with the Member States, to ascertain whether formal qualifications and occupations correspond to the same skills and qualifications in all Member States. It is also considered as an effective way of making possible the free movement of professionals by reducing the number of regulated professions in the EU.

1. Considering that certain professions have more cross-border activities or a higher potential for mobility, does the Commission consider it opportune to first limit the scope of the transparency mechanism to these professional groups?
2. If not, will the Commission give more time to those professional groups with less cross-border activities to collect data?
3. According to the Commission, what procedures should be established by Member States in order to involve professional bodies, especially those representing health professionals, when preparing specific justifications which have to be given to the Commission following the data collection?
4. Certain professions which will be subject to evaluation under the Professional Qualifications Directive have already been examined in the context of the peer review conducted under the Services Directive. How will the Commission avoid unnecessary duplication and ensure that the proposed timeframe will be sustainable for these professions?
5. What concrete figures or examples does the Commission have to prove that regulating access to professions has a significant growth-inhibiting effect?