

**Question for written answer E-007382/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Illegal diplomas issued by private education providers

Greece has no State control mechanisms for certifying the quality of the education provided by the private formal education sector (primary and secondary) or the legality of the diplomas thus issued. The representative of the social partners on the EQF-NQF **Referencing Committee** has gathered very important data demonstrating that in recent years thousands of illegal diplomas have been issued by private education providers; the vast majority of these diplomas are today being used by the holders of these diplomas as a qualification for recruitment in the public or private sectors in Greece and the rest of the EU.

In response to a complaint by a representative of the social partners, the Commission requested the Greek authorities in June to take practical steps to ensure the quality of the education provided and the legality of the diplomas issued by private providers. So far, the Greek Ministry of Education has not taken any measures to address this situation and the representatives of the social partners have withdrawn from the Referencing Committee.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- What will it do to ensure conditions of transparency and legitimacy in private education in Greece?

- What will it do to ensure that pupils in public and private education receive equal treatment with due respect for the law, both in Greece and in the rest of the EU?