

**Question for written answer E-007934/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Harmonisation of training for laboratory technicians

Concerning the profession of laboratory technician, there are significant differences across the EU when it comes to staff training, entry into the profession, differences in healthcare systems and the differing roles of laboratories in those systems. Training for laboratory technicians therefore needs to be harmonised. Qualifications acquired in EU Member States to practice this profession are not automatically recognised, as provided for in Directive 2005/36/EC of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications, because at Member State level the minimum training requirements have not been laid down. As a result, it is not possible for professional qualifications to be automatically recognised and it is difficult to gain entry into the profession in other Member States.

Are there any plans to work on harmonising the training for laboratory technicians? What stage has been reached in the work on defining the profession of laboratory technician? What is contained in the proposed definitions?