

**Question for written answer E-001715/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Facilitating the recognition of qualifications between EU Member States

Qualifications are not automatically recognised within the European Union. A European citizen who has obtained a diploma in a Member State might therefore be unable to secure recognition of the diploma in another Member State, which would have serious consequences for the continuation of an academic career, attempts to find a job or eligibility to take part in public competitions.

In Italy it is possible to request recognition of the equivalence of one's qualification, i.e. confirmation of the legal equivalence of a qualification obtained abroad with an Italian counterpart.

However, if one requests recognition of the equivalence of a diploma, it may entail, in addition to the risk of the application's being rejected, and the risk of red tape, a large financial outlay, so that young graduates may be discouraged from looking for work abroad or entering the labour market of their country of origin.

This is therefore an obstacle to youth mobility, for purposes both of study and of work, which may induce young people to decide not to undertake a course of study or work in another Member State.

Does the Commission intend to facilitate recognition of qualifications obtained in other EU countries, and if so, how?