

**Question for written answer E-002912/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Professional Card (EPC)

The European Professional Card (EPC) has been a key element in the modernisation of Directive 2005/36/EC on professional qualifications, which governs the mobility of professionals in Europe. The EPC facilitates and streamlines the recognition process for professional qualifications, allowing the complexity and uncertainty of associated administrative procedures to be avoided, which in turn facilitates the provision of services on the single market. Currently, however, only five types of professionals can request this card and this does not include engineers.

Following the European Parliament's rejection of the Commission's proposal to introduce a services e-card in March 2018, the Commission should fulfil its commitment outlined in the Single Market Strategy to boost the service sector. It should particularly take into account the fact that this card was primarily targeted at professionals and companies from the engineering sector.

Will the Commission increase the number of professions eligible for the European Professional Card and, in particular, include the engineering profession?

If so, when will it bring forward a proposal?