

**Question for written answer E-002792/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Directive 2005/36/EC and the automatic recognition of professional qualifications in speech therapy

To be able to work as a speech therapist in Germany, people with a Master's degree from Belgium must undergo an individual equivalence assessment. It involves checking that the education they received satisfies the training and examination requirements laid down for the profession under German law. If substantial differences are identified, the applicant is asked to complete an adaptation period or sit an aptitude test, in some cases setting them back by a considerable amount of time.

The regulated profession of speech therapist is not subject to automatic recognition under Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications.

Does the Commission think it would be possible for professional qualifications in speech therapy to be automatically recognised in the future?