

**Question for written answer E-000416/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU legislation covering academic and professional qualifications of artists

Freedom of establishment, freedom to provide services and the removal of obstacles to freedom of movement in the EU requires measures to promote the harmonisation and mutual recognition by Member States of national diplomas and qualifications¹.

With regard to art studies, the recognition of qualifications is a long time in coming. However, there is no doubt that artists are professionals and their academic and vocational qualifications should be recognised under all relevant European Union legislation.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission intend to promote the mutual recognition of academic and vocational qualifications of artists and cultural workers in all Member States, in line with the European Parliament resolution on promoting automatic mutual recognition of diplomas?
2. Does it intend to take advantage of the fact the 2023 is the European Year of Skills in order to find a definitive answer to the most urgent need for mutual recognition of academic and vocational qualifications acquired by artists in the various Member States?
3. Does it intend extend the provisions of the Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications, including the European Professional Card, or in any other EU legal instruments, to include artists and cultural workers?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/ftu/pdf/en/FTU_2.1.6.pdf