

Question for written answer E-001166/2023
to the Commission
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Subject: Recognition of neuroradiology as a medical speciality throughout the EU

Neuroradiology has been recognised as a medical specialty by the Portuguese Medical Association since 1996. It consists of a 5-year postgraduate programme, including 12 months of clinical training in neurology, neurosurgery and paediatric neurology, followed by 4 years of training in neuroradiology.

In other Member States, neuroradiology is a subspecialty of radiology and exists only at such level. Doctors from Portugal, even those with specific postgraduate training (5 years) and authorised to practice at subspecialty level, are not recognised as specialists. This leads to inequality between specialists and leaves Portuguese neuroradiologists at a disadvantage vis-à-vis their colleagues in the same field.

In view of the above, is the European Commission considering the possibility of standardising training at specialist level with a view to its recognition throughout the EU, thereby allowing neuroradiology to be practised (either as a specialty or subspecialty) on an equal footing EU-wide?

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