Question for written answer E-001938/2023/rev.1 to the Commission

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Subject: Protecting the baking profession

There is a lack of reference legislation for qualifying the activity of bakers in a number of Member States, including Italy.

This legislative vacuum causes problems, with the profession lacking formal recognition, for example, undermining the quality and control of food products.

Account needs to be taken in Europe of the possibility of offering certification for working as a baker.

The profession forms part of Europe's culinary tradition and must as such be safeguarded.

In view of this:

- (1) Is the Commission aware of this problem?
- (2) What steps can be taken at EU-level to protect the baking profession?

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