



**To: Presidents and National Representatives of EFLM National Society Members**

**ADOPTION OF THE EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE ON  
RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (2005/36)**

Dear President and National Representative,

We are very pleased to announce the final adoption of the new European Directive for the Recognition of Professional Qualifications by both the European Parliament and European Council. This is the culmination of over 15 years effort including active participation, intervention, and lobbying in the whole process, from the “green paper”, through our engagement through CEPLIS, having discussed the draft proposition with the European Commission and thereafter with the European Parliament, MEPs.

The final text takes into account all the amendments we have proposed, including the “Common Training Frameworks” to define the level of education, and the involvement of the professionals. The new legislation considerably limits the ability of the European Commission to render it inactive in practice, by stipulating very clearly the need for a serious consultation with the representative organizations of the concerned professions in the transposition of the directive.

We will come back to you to co-ordinate our actions at National levels. Meanwhile, we hope that you spread out the good news in your country. As previously intimated for the recognition of the profession of Specialist in Laboratory Medicine we need your support, we therefore need you to rapidly show an interest to be one of the 9 countries required to make propositions at the European Commission.

We look forward to your active participation in developing this exciting opportunity.

Kind regards,

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