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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
GROUP OF COORDINATORS  
FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

**Subject: Publications of updates of Annex V.5.7.1 of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

In previous meetings of the Group of Coordinators and its sub-group dealing with architectural diplomas (21 October 2009 and 24 February 2010), a discussion was held on the necessity to update the Annex V.5.7.1 with regard to additional national requirements for access to the title of architect beyond a diploma (evidence of formal qualifications). Additional requirements relate, for example, to a given number of years of professional practice beyond a diploma obtained by a university or other educational establishment; such professional practice could be validated by a particular exam.

Several Member States have been invited to notify the necessary amendments for Annex V. Such amendments would relate to existing diplomas but also to notifications of future diplomas; the amendments could also vary according to the diploma concerned.

**2. WHO IS A FULLY QUALIFIED ARCHITECT UNDER THE DIRECTIVE?**

The Professional Qualifications Directive offers a framework to facilitate free movement of qualified architects. Accordingly, an architect who is fully qualified, but not yet registered in his or her home Member State should not be forced to (probably costly) full registration with national competent authorities (often chamber of architects) in case such an architect wishes to exercise his or her activity immediately in another Member State. Accordingly, Member States concerned are expected to notify a certificate of eligibility, attesting the fulfilment of the qualification preconditions in order to be recognised as a fully qualified architect, issued by the competent authority. Hence, this certificate would be the basis for organising automatic recognition under the Directive.

Following the corresponding notifications by Member States concerned, the Commission would accordingly prepare official Communications to adapt the Directive for the future.

Such notifications should neither follow the usual consultation process for notifications of new diplomas nor should they require a consultation of the subgroup on architecture.

### **3. QUESTIONS TO MEMBER STATES**

- a) Member States are invited to comment on this approach.
- b) In addition, Member States which are obliged under the Directive to make corresponding notifications are invited to clarify at the meeting of the Coordinators when such final notifications are finally made to the Commission.