



# WG Education and Professional Qualifications

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**CED General Meeting**

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# WG Update

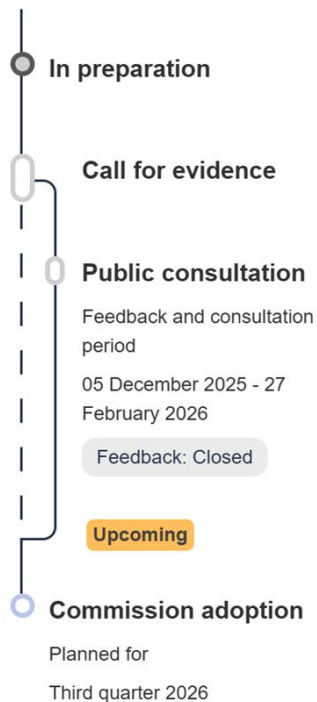
- Focus on Skills Portability Initiative
- PQD developments
- WG continues monitoring future EU policy developments

# Skills Portability Initiative

- EU initiative aims to facilitate mobility of professionals
- Includes regulated professions such as dentistry
- Strong focus on digitalisation and improving recognition procedures
- ***CED submitted 3 official responses***



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CALL FOR EVIDENCE FOR AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT	
<b>TITLE OF THE INITIATIVE</b>	Skills Portability Initiative
<b>LEAD DG (RESPONSIBLE UNIT)</b>	Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unit for vocational education and training, skills portability, CEDEFOP</li> <li>• unit for professional qualifications and skills for competitiveness</li> </ul>
<b>LIKELY TYPE OF INITIATIVE</b>	The Skills Portability Initiative is a comprehensive package of three interrelated actions. The exact type of initiatives is still <b>to be determined</b> , but the package explores the following three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>action 1: a potential legislative proposal</b> to facilitate worker mobility through improved transparency of skills and qualifications, and digitalisation;</li> <li>• <b>action 2: potential measures</b> to facilitate, modernise and expand recognition processes for regulated professions;</li> <li>• <b>action 3: a potential legislative proposal</b> for common rules to simplify procedures for the recognition of qualifications and skills of third-country nationals.</li> </ul>
<b>INDICATIVE TIMETABLE</b>	Q3-2026
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	<a href="#">Have your say portal</a>

# Key CED Positions

- Strengthening clinical training requirements
- Clearer balance between theoretical and practical education
- Development of a practical competence framework
- Improved CPD recognition systems
- Secure and verifiable digital credential systems



# ADEE – CED Collaboration



- Participation in ADEE workshop in Copenhagen
- Joint Copenhagen Declaration adopted
- Closer cooperation on dental education policy

# Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD)

- Commission published implementation report
- Several long-standing CED concerns recognised
- Need for stronger clinical training highlighted
- Dentistry remains highly mobile across Europe
- Revision of the PQD core provisions on training requirements currently unlikely in the near future



Brussels, 20.2.2026  
SWD(2026) 64 final

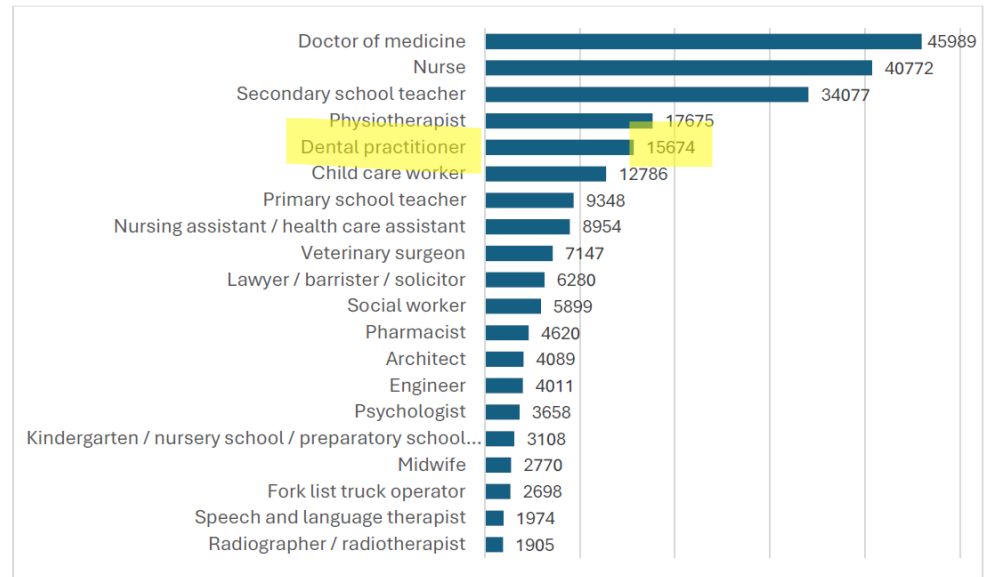
**COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT**

*Accompanying the document*

**Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions**

**on the implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications**

{COM(2026) 86 final}



Source: European Commission, Accompanying Document, 2026

# EU Workforce Crisis Plan

European Parliament report remains delayed

- Political and procedural disagreements continue (including cooperation with political groups)
- Adoption timeline remains uncertain
- Risk of the report being abandoned
- WG continues monitoring developments closely





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION!**

