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Erasmus+ Funding for EHEA

Type 1 – Transnational Cooperation projects

Type 2 – Technical and administrative support

Type 3 – Ministerial Hosting

Indicative **opening** date:

16/12/2026

Indicative **closing** date:

15/06/2027

2027 Erasmus+ Funding for EHEA

Type 1 – Transnational Cooperation projects

Maximum EUR 500 000 per project

Type 2 – Technical and administrative support

Maximum EUR 1 000 000

Type 3 – Ministerial Hosting

Maximum EUR 200 000

Budget : up to 6 000 000 total for 3 years

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Skills Portability initiative

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Fair Labour Mobility Package

Wherever in the EU your social rights protected, your talent recognised and your business supported. If you stay, if you move

Objectives

- Simpler, digital procedures for portable social security rights and recognised, understood qualifications
- Stronger cross-border enforcement, better protection, faster resolution
- Greater transparency, trust and cooperation between national authorities

What is the FLMP proposing?

One Chapeau Communication

Announces two future 2027 initiatives: social security coordination proposal and posting of third-country nationals

European Social Security Pass (ESSPASS)

Updated European Labour Authority (ELA) mandate

Skills Portability Initiative

- **Skills Portability Act**
- **Revision of the Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD)**
- **Directive on the recognition of qualifications of non-EU nationals**

Key numbers

14M
EU citizens live or work in another Member State

1.9M
Cross-border (frontier) workers

3.64M
Posted workers

12.8M
Non-EU citizens employed in the Single Market

Skills Portability Act

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on portability of qualifications and skills and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724

SKILLS PORTABILITY INITIATIVE
Action 1

Skills Portability Act

PROPOSAL

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on portability of qualifications and skills, amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724

LEGAL BASIS

Article 46 TFEU – Free movement of workers

WHY IT MATTERS

10.1M
EU mobile workers

2M
cross-border workers in the EU

18%
EU citizens open to working abroad

What problem does it solve?

- Persistent difficulties in **understanding, comparing and verifying** qualifications obtained in another Member State
- Continued reliance on paper-based qualifications and **fragmented digital systems**

What changes in practice?



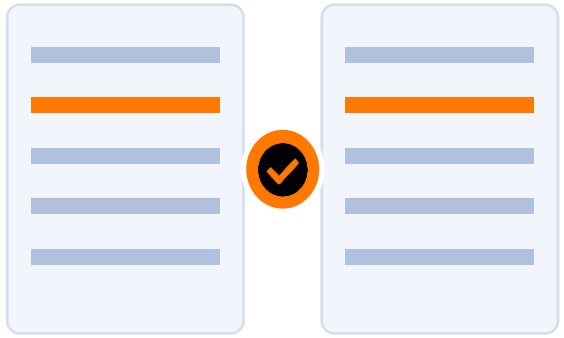
Digital qualifications in the EUDI Wallets

Qualifications securely stored and easy to share and verify across the EU. Default for all new qualifications, from secondary school to doctoral degrees, issued within max. 2 weeks upon request for past qualifications, just for employment purposes.

Same format for all qualifications

Same data fields (title, level, learning outcomes, issuer, etc.) wherever the qualification is issued in the EU.





Easy to understand and compare

National registries of qualifications connected to Europass. Europass comparison tool available to all. Up-to-date National Qualifications Frameworks (NQFs) referenced to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).

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Revision of the Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD)

SKILLS PORTABILITY INITIATIVE
Action 2

Modernising recognition of professional qualifications for EU citizens

PROPOSAL

Amendment to Directive 2005/36/EC

WHO IS COVERED

EU nationals seeking recognition in another Member State to access regulated professions

WHY IT MATTERS

5,700
Regulated professions in the EU

22%
Eu workforce in regulated professions

185k
Recognition decisions, 2020 - 2024

What problem does it solve?

- Recognition is often slow, paper-based, costly and dependent on translations.

What changes in practice?

A single digital workflow (EDRS)

The European Digital Recognition Solution offers applicants and authorities one common digital front-and-back office for every recognition procedure.

Faster, staged deadlines

Deadlines for each procedural step (completeness check, information exchange, decision) instead of one overall limit. Strengthened accountability for host and home Member State authorities.

Lighter documentation

Authorities may only request the documents listed in Annex VII, must accept them in any official EU language, and can rely on machine translation (eTranslation) integrated into EDRS.

Automatic recognition

Extended to additional professions, beginning with physiotherapists.

Transposition into national law - 2 years from entry into force

Directive on the recognition of qualifications of third-country nationals

What changes in practice?

Common procedural rules

EU-wide procedural rules for recognition of qualifications of non-EU nationals including right to assessment, to access streamlined procedures, acknowledgement of receipt, right of appeal, and access to "compensation measures". Rules will enable transparency and predictability for employers and applicants.

Trusted review of third-country training

EU quality assurance agencies (‘trusted review bodies’) assess third-country training programmes for priority professions (doctors, nurses, dentists, midwives, vets, pharmacists, architects) against EU standards; leads to automatic recognition.

EU authenticity support services

The Commission offers Member States an advisory (non-binding) check on the authenticity of submitted qualifications — the recognition decision itself stays national.

Full respect for national competence

The common EU framework focuses on recognition procedures, and does not impact national approaches to regulation of processions or migration and admission numbers

SKILLS PORTABILITY INITIATIVE
Action 3

A common EU framework for procedures for recognition of qualifications of third-country nationals

PROPOSAL

New Directive — Art. 79(2)(a)&(b) TFEU

WHO IS COVERED

Non-EU nationals (resident or seeking entry) with EU or third-country qualifications. EU nationals with third country qualifications covered under Action 2.

WHY IT MATTERS

12.8M
Non-EU nationals employed in EU

39.8%
Over-qualification rate for non-EU nationals (v 20.8& for nationals)

2m
Shortfall of healthcare/long term care workers by 2030

What problem does it solve?

- Applicants face 27 different recognition systems, involving several authorities within one Member State. Recognition can be long and burdensome.

References to the ESG and EQAR in the Directive

- Automatic recognition of qualifications (doctors, nurses, midwifes, dentists, pharmacists, veterinary surgeons, architects): **Voluntary** review of education programmes in third countries by trusted review bodies
- Trusted review bodies for higher education programmes:
  - Quality assurance agencies registered in EQAR without interruption for a period of at least 10 years;
  - documented prior experience in conducting external quality assurance reviews, as a quality assurance agency, in at least three different third countries.

- Programme level review on compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area and the minimum training requirements for the professions
- In case of compliance, graduates of the reviewed training programme gain automatic recognition in EU Member States

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