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European Professional Card – Modernisation of Directive 2005/36/EC

Dear Commissioner Michel Barnier,

Within the context of modernisation of the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive (2005/36/EU), the European Federation of Nurses' Associations (EFN) has been fully engaged in the policy process providing the evidence for arriving at the best political compromises balancing an enhanced mobility, simplified and online procedures and greater trust and transparency in the recognition process.

At the beginning of the modernisation process, the EFN was invited to participate to the Steering Group on the European Professional Card (set up in January 2011), and led the case study for the introduction of a European Professional Mobility Card (e-certificate) for nurses with concrete recommendations on how this tool through the Internal Market Information System (IMI) facilitates the mobility of nurses within the EU.

As a follow up of the work undertaken during this Steering Group of the Professional, the EFN, as the representative of 6 million nurses in the EU and Europe, decided in its last General Assembly (11-12 April 2013) to formally express its interest and commitment to further engage in the implementation of a European Professional Card (e-certificate) for nurses moving within the EU and to offer EFN's expertise in order to make this proposal a trustful, practical and ambitious reality empowering nurses in their mobility. The EFN is eager to collaborate with the European Commission and to encourage, through the EFN membership, the national competent authorities for facilitating the implementation of the card in light of using the Single Market at its full potential. I'm sure nurses will pick up this topic during the Single Market Month which your services will organise.

Nurses being the largest group of the health workforce and highly mobile, the EFN would be pleased to be one of the first professions to be given the opportunity of putting in place the European Professional Card (e-certificate) which will also put flesh on the bones of the European Digital Agenda.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Unni Hembre', is written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Unni Hembre
EFN President