








Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) 2023/0307(COD) Directive</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Recognition of professional qualifications: nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania</p> <p>Amending Directive 2005/36 2002/0061(COD)</p> <p>Subject 4.40.07 Recognition of diplomas, equivalence of studies and training</p> <p>Geographical area Romania</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Internal Market and Consumer Protection	 BIELAN Adam	25/09/2023
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 BOTOȘ Vlad-Marius	
		 VAN SPARRENTAK Kim	
		 PELLETIER Anne-Sophie	
Council of the European Union European Commission	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Economic and Social Committee	Commission DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Commissioner BRETON Thierry	

Key events			
01/09/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0502	Summary
02/10/2023	Committee referral announced in		

	Parliament, 1st reading		
28/11/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
30/11/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0381/2023	
12/12/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/12/2023	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0447/2023	Summary
23/01/2024	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
07/02/2024	Final act signed		
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0307(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Amending Directive 2005/36 2002/0061(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 053-p1; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 062; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 046
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	IMCO/9/13134

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2023)0502	01/09/2023	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE753.741	04/10/2023	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0381/2023	30/11/2023	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T9-0447/2023	12/12/2023	EP	Summary
Draft final act	00066/2023/LEX	07/02/2024	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2024)56	22/03/2024	EC	

Final act

[Directive 2024/505](#)
[OJ L 000 12.02.2024, p. 0000](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications: nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania

PURPOSE: to facilitate the recognition of professional qualifications of nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Professional Qualifications Directive) sets out the rules on cross-border recognition of qualifications for access to regulated professions, as well as minimum training requirements for several professions, including nurses responsible for general care.

To facilitate the recognition of qualifications of nurses responsible for general care whose qualifications did not meet the minimum training requirements upon accession, Romania has set up a special upgrading programme to enable participants to upgrade their professional qualifications to satisfy all the minimum training requirements set out for the profession of nurse responsible for general care in Directive 2005/36/EC. For this purpose, Romania liaised beforehand with other Member States and the Commission.

The upgrading programme started in the 2014/2015 academic year. According to the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research, by the end of the 2018/2019 academic year, it had been completed by 23 higher education graduates and more than 3 000 post-secondary graduates.

Romania presented the results of the special upgrading programme in 2018 to the relevant expert group (Group of coordinators for the recognition of professional qualifications) and, following consultations, no Member State objected to the proposal that the graduates should benefit from a more favourable recognition regime.

The Professional Qualifications Directive, as currently applicable, does not oblige host Member States to automatically recognise the qualifications of nurses who have successfully completed the upgrading programme. However, the Commission envisages a revision of the Directives acquired rights provisions for Romanian nurses following the assessment of the upgrading programmes results.

CONTENT: the Commission is proposing a targeted amendment of the rules of special acquired rights laid down in Article 33(a) of Directive 2005/36/EC to facilitate the recognition process for nurses responsible for general care who have completed the Romanian upgrading programme. More specifically, the Commission proposes that these nurses should benefit from recognition under special acquired rights without the need to prove professional experience.

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The European Parliament adopted by 577 votes to 7, with 28 abstentions, a resolution on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending and correcting Directive 2005/36/EC as regards the recognition of professional qualifications of nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure.

Parliament supports the Commission proposal which provides a targeted amendment of the rules of special acquired rights laid down in Article 33(a) of Directive 2005/36/EC to facilitate the recognition process for nurses responsible for general care who have completed the Romanian upgrading programme. The proposal states that these nurses should benefit from recognition under special acquired rights without the need to prove professional experience.

A number of host Member States have recognised the professional qualifications of nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania whose qualifications did not meet the requirements to benefit from recognition under Article 33a of Directive 2005/36/EC for the purpose of access to the same profession in that Member State.

In order to protect acquired rights, the amended text stipulated that host Member States shall guarantee the validity of the recognition of the Romanian qualification as a nurse responsible for general care granted pursuant to Articles 10 to 14 of this Directive before the date of entry into force of this amending Directive in the case of nationals of Member States who were trained as a nurse responsible for general care in Romania and did not meet the requirements of:

- Article 33a of this Directive in the version in force on 1 January 2007, or

- Article 33a of this Directive, as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (the IMI Regulation).