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**INFORMATION NOTE**

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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
to: Council (Competitiveness and Growth)  
Subject: Functioning of the Internal Market: Implementation of the "Internal Market Information System"

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the Commission on the above subject which will be dealt with under " Any other business", agenda item 12 (e) at the Competitiveness Council on 1-2 March 2010.

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**Information Note on statistics on the use  
of the Internal Market Information system in 2009**

**Key findings**

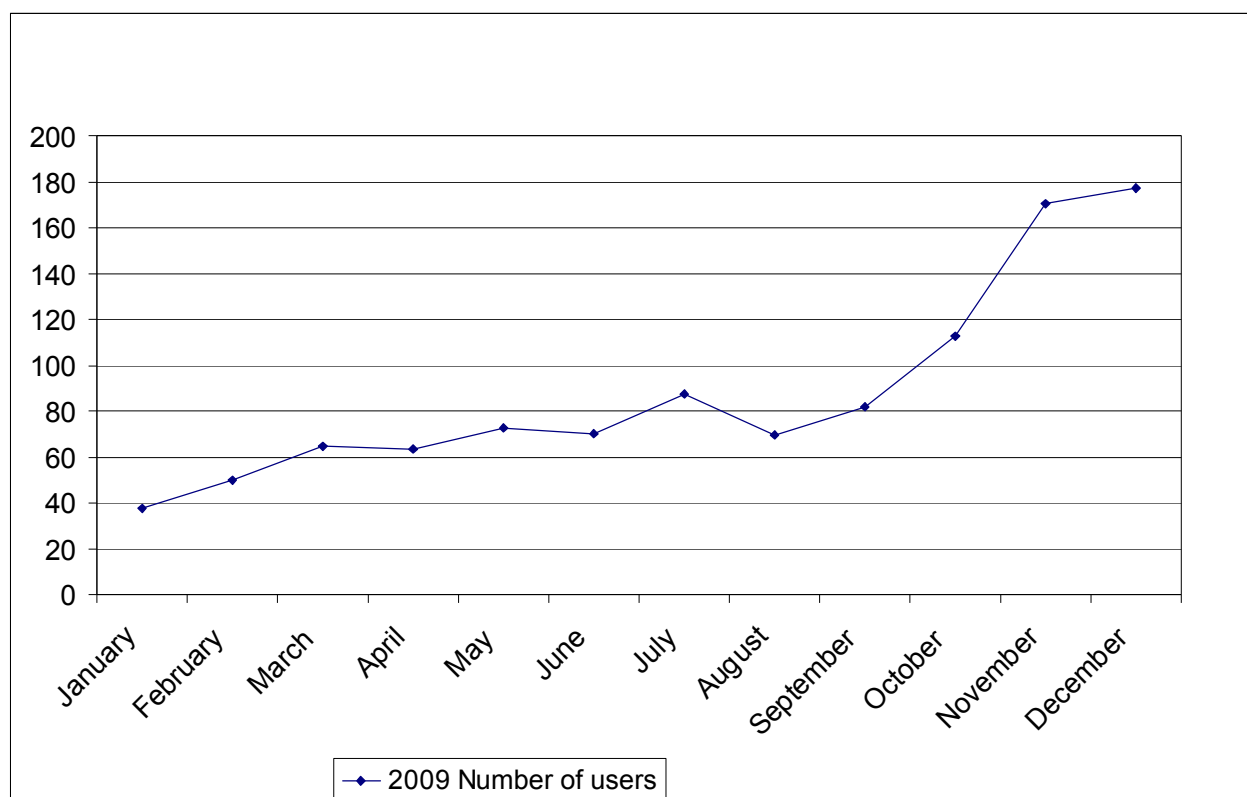
- (1) More than 4500 authorities at national, regional and local level have been registered as users of the system. Of these authorities 82% are responsible for issues covered by the services directive, 10% for professional qualifications and 8% for both. (see table 1)
- (2) The number of daily users who log into the system for exchange of information, increased from around 40 in January 2009 to almost 200 by the end of last year. Of all requests for information, 57% are accepted within 3 days and 71% are answered within two weeks. (see graph 2 and table 3)
- (3) The volume of requests submitted and received per Member State, in 2009 in the area of professional qualifications, largely reflects current labour migration streams within the EU. (see table 4)

**1. Number of authorities registered in IMI per Member State  
and per legislative area**

*State of play January 2010*

Member State	For Professional Qualifications	For Services	For Professional Qualifications <u>and</u> Services	Total number of Authorities in IMI
DE	183	1183	110	1476
NL	4	536	3	543
ES	16	417	45	478
PL	74	266	34	374
CZ	4	278	4	286
UK	16	259	3	278
GR	65	115	5	185
FR	6	138	33	177
CY	5	68	11	84
BE	6	46	14	66
LT	2	58	5	65
HU	5	52	5	62
PT	8	46	5	59
AT	4	44	6	54
LV	8	34	3	45
RO	7	27	4	38
SE	2	31	3	36
MT	6	19	6	31
DK	6	15	4	25
EE	2	14	4	20
IE	12	4	3	19
NO	5	9	3	17
BG	3	9	4	16
IT	1	6	8	15
FI	3	9	2	14
SI	4	7	3	14
SK	5	7	1	13
LI	1		6	7
LU	2	1	3	6
IS	3		2	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>3698</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>4508</b>

## 2. Average number of different daily users logged on to IMI per month in 2009



## 3. Time to handle requests under the Professional qualification Directive in 2009

	Requests accepted	Cumulative %	Requests answered	Cumulative %
Within 3 days	741	57,0%	518	43,0%
Within 1 week	216	73,7%	167	56,8%
Within 2 weeks	166	86,5%	170	71,0%
Within 4 weeks	120	95,7%	164	84,6%
Within 8 weeks	35	98,4%	106	93,4%
More than 8 weeks	21	100,0%	80	100,0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1299</b>		<b>1205<sup>1</sup></b>	

<sup>1</sup> The discrepancy between the total number of requests accepted and requests answered is due to requests that have been withdrawn or were still open by the end of 2009.

**4. Total number of requests sent/received for Professional qualifications**  
*in 2009 per Member State*

Member State sending request	Number of requests sent	%
UK	481	34,26%
FR	135	9,62%
DE	114	8,12%
IE	113	8,05%
GR	106	7,55%
NL	55	3,92%
SE	53	3,77%
BE	47	3,35%
ES	40	2,85%
IT	39	2,78%
FI	33	2,35%
CY	26	1,85%
AT	26	1,85%
DK	18	1,28%
MT	17	1,21%
HU	17	1,21%
CZ	15	1,07%
PT	13	0,93%
SK	13	0,93%
PL	11	0,78%
LV	10	0,71%
NO	9	0,64%
BG	5	0,36%
LU	4	0,28%
RO	3	0,21%
EE	1	0,07%
LI	0	0,00%
IS	0	0,00%
SI	0	0,00%
LT	0	0,00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

Member State receiving request	Number of requests received	%
PL	238	16,95%
RO	211	15,03%
DE	133	9,47%
ES	97	6,91%
IT	90	6,41%
HU	79	5,63%
GR	77	5,48%
BG	68	4,84%
UK	47	3,35%
FR	46	3,28%
SK	36	2,56%
BE	35	2,49%
NL	32	2,28%
CZ	32	2,28%
LT	30	2,14%
PT	28	1,99%
EE	21	1,50%
SE	20	1,42%
LV	16	1,14%
AT	14	1,00%
CY	11	0,78%
DK	10	0,71%
IE	8	0,57%
SI	7	0,50%
MT	6	0,43%
NO	6	0,43%
LU	3	0,21%
FI	2	0,14%
IS	1	0,07%
LI	0	0,00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>100,00%</b>