

Brussels, 25 August 2026
(OR. en)

12533/26

ETS 8
MI 836
COMPET 1013
ENT 211
EDUC 345
JUR 645
DELECT 134

COVER NOTE

From:	Secretary-General of the European Commission, signed by Ms Martine DEPREZ, Director
date of receipt:	21 August 2026
To:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

No. Cion doc.:	C(2026) 5051 final
Subject:	COMMISSION DELEGATED DECISION of 24.7.2026 amending and correcting Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards evidence of formal qualifications and the titles of training courses

Delegations will find attached document C(2026) 5051 final.

Encl.: C(2026) 5051 final



EUROPEAN
COMMISSION

Brussels, 24.7.2026
C(2026) 5051 final

COMMISSION DELEGATED DECISION

of 24.7.2026

amending and correcting Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards evidence of formal qualifications and the titles of training courses

(Text with EEA relevance)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

This delegated act amends and corrects Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications¹, as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU (Directive 2005/36/EC), which lists evidence of qualifications subject to automatic cross-border recognition.

According to Directive 2005/36/EC, the following professions may qualify for automatic recognition of their qualifications in another EU country, under certain conditions, for the purpose of access and practising a regulated profession: doctor of medicine, nurse responsible for general care, dental practitioner, veterinary surgeon, midwife, pharmacist and architect.

One pre-condition for automatic recognition is that the qualification meets the minimum training requirements set out in Title III, Chapter III of that Directive.

Article 21a(1) of Directive 2005/36/EC requires each EU country to notify the Commission of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions it adopts on the issuing of evidence of formal qualifications in the professions covered by Title III, Chapter III of that Directive. In line with Article 21a(3) of that Directive, EU countries must transmit the information necessary for such notifications through the internal market information system. The Commission then checks these submissions against the minimum training requirements set out in the Directive.

To take due account of legislative and administrative developments in EU countries, Article 21a(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts to amend the relevant points of Annex V on updating the titles adopted by EU countries for evidence of formal qualifications and, where appropriate, the body which issues evidence of formal qualifications, the certificate which accompanies the evidence and the corresponding professional title. So far, eight delegated decisions² have been adopted under Article 21a(4).

The main proposed amendments to Annex V reflect legislative and administrative developments in EU countries regarding the issuing of evidence of formal qualifications in the professions covered by Title III, Chapter III of the Directive, which EU countries have notified to the Commission, and where the Commission has confirmed that these meet the agreed harmonised minimum training requirements. A different procedure applies for architects, in line with Article 21a(1) subparagraph 2 of the Directive. For this profession, EU countries are consulted through the internal market information system on whether new titles or programmes should be included in Annex V. Such a consultation has taken place regarding notifications concerning the profession of architect included in this Delegated Decision.

This Delegated Decision therefore consolidates old, new and amended professional titles notified up to 30 June 2025 that have been assessed and approved by the Commission.

¹ Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 22).

² Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2016/790 of 13 January 2016 (OJ L 134, 24.5.2016, p. 135), Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2017/2113 of 11 September 2017 (OJ L 317, 1.12.2017, p. 119), Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/608 of 16 January 2019 (OJ L 104, 15.4.2019, p. 1), Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2020/548 of 23 January 2020 (OJ L 131/1, 24.4.2020, p. 1), Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/2183 of 25 August 2021 (OJ L 444, 10.12.2021, p. 16), Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2023/2383 of 23 May 2023 (OJ L 2023/2383, 9.10.2023), Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2024/1395 of 5 March 2024 (OJ L 2024/1395, 31.5.2024), Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2025/2187 of 30 July 2025 (OJ L 2025/2187, 29.10.2025).

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission consulted EU countries' authorities on these amendments to Annex V through the relevant expert group (Group of coordinators for the recognition of professional qualifications³) in writing between 11 and 28 November 2025 and at the meeting of the group on 4 December 2025. As a result of this consultation, the following additional changes were made to the draft Delegated Decision.

- For the profession of specialist doctor for Italy under point 5.1.3. of Annex V, 'Biological chemistry', the training course *Biochimica* (9), has been removed.
- For the profession of dental practitioner for Lithuania under point 5.3.2 of Annex V, evidence of the formal qualification 'Magistro diplomas (*sveikatos mokslų magistro laipsnis ir gydytojo odontologo profesinė kvalifikacija*)' has been added in point 3 and 'Magistro diplomas (*sveikatos mokslų magistro laipsnis ir gydytojo odontologo kvalifikacija*)' has been added in point 4.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

This Delegated Decision is based on Article 21a(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC. That article empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 57c of Directive 2005/36/EC to amend points 5.1.1 to 5.1.4, 5.2.2, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.6.2 and 5.7.1 of Annex V. These points comprise the titles adopted by EU countries for evidence of formal qualifications and, where appropriate, the body that issues evidence of formal qualifications, the certificate which accompanies the evidence and the corresponding professional title.

³ As set up by Commission Decision 2007/172/EC of 19 March 2007 setting up the group of coordinators for the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ L 79, 20.3.2007, p. 38).

Commission Delegated Decision

of 24.7.2026

amending and correcting Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards evidence of formal qualifications and the titles of training courses

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications⁴, and in particular Article 21a(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC contains lists with evidence of formal qualifications of doctors of medicine, nurses responsible for general care, dental practitioners, veterinary surgeons, midwives, pharmacists and architects.
- (2) Several EU countries have notified the Commission of legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions they have adopted on issuing evidence of formal qualifications covered by Chapter III of Title III of Directive 2005/36/EC.
- (3) The Commission has assessed EU countries' notifications and concluded that provisions notified by EU countries comply with the conditions set out in Articles 24, 25, 28, 31, 34, 35, 38, 40, 41, 44 and 46 of Directive 2005/36/EC. The outcome of the assessment of those notifications should result in amendments to Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC.
- (4) Following the notification from Italy, Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/2183 added *Biochimica* as the title of a training course in specialised medicine to point 5.1.3 of Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC. In line with the explanations from Italy, this title should not have been added to Directive 2005/36/EC. That error should therefore be corrected by deleting the title from Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC.
- (5) Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC should therefore be amended and corrected accordingly. For reasons of clarity and legal certainty, all relevant points of Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC on evidence of formal qualifications and the titles of training courses, this is to say, points 5.1.1 to 5.1.4, 5.2.2., 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.6.2, and 5.7.1, should be replaced.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC is amended and corrected in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

⁴ OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 22.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24.7.2026

For the Commission
Roxana MÎNZATU
Executive Vice-President

