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Re: Inclusion of competences in the Articles of the Professional Qualifications Directive

Dear Mr De Raeve

We write to congratulate you and the EFN on the successful inclusion of competences in the recent update of the Articles of the EU professional Qualifications Directive.

Competences as you will know are considered best practice in the academic area, as they clearly and accurately reflect the graduates' knowledge and skills. ADEE considers it essential that the professions embrace the concept of competences and that these eventually become the European tool for describing and comparing the professionals' qualifications.

ADEE considers the publication of the "*EFN Competency Framework for Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC, amended by Directive 2013/55/EU*" as a milestone in the delivery of an understanding of Competences for Nurses at an EU level.

An equally important achievement is the inclusion of a set of 8 competences in the recent update of the above Directive (Article 31), which sets the minimum educational requirements for nurses responsible for general care. It was a pleasure to have your representative, Ms Silvia Gomez, attend the recent roundtable debate ADEE organised in Brussels and share with us the EFN experiences of developing competences and officially establishing them at European level.

ADEE looks forward to continuing to engage and work with EFN as we progress and advance our competences for the European dentist in the coming months and years. We are confident that the sharing of experiences between the professions will be a key to successful dissemination of best practices, implementation and inclusion of competences in the future updating of the EU directive.

Yours faithfully



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