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Subject: Accreditation for the “Study supporting an impact assessment of Directive 2005/36/EC”

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to inform you that Ernst & Young (EY) is currently conducting the “**Study supporting an impact assessment of Directive 2005/36/EC**” on behalf of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

The study has a dual purpose: evaluate the implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and assess the impact of possible actions to further facilitate, expand and modernise recognition processes for regulated professions, in particular by leveraging digital tools.

The study is part of an EU-level **Skills Portability Initiative (SPI)** aiming to propose legislative and technical solutions to strengthen the transferability of qualifications and skills, including those acquired through non-formal and informal learning. The initiative includes three separate, yet highly interlinked Actions:

- **Action 1:** Recognition of qualifications and validation of skills for both regulated and unregulated professions (for EU and third country nationals)
- **Action 2 (the current study):** Recognition of qualifications for access to regulated professions
- **Action 3:** EU rules for the recognition of qualifications and validation of skills of third country nationals

During the study, EY will conduct consultation activities to which we kindly invite you to contribute. Your insights will be essential to shaping the study’s findings and identifying potential policy options to improve the current system for recognising professional qualifications in regulated professions. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in sharing relevant information and perspectives, which will support a robust and evidence-based analysis. Please note that all information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and used solely for the purposes of this study.

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration in supporting this important initiative. For any questions relating to the study and the purpose of the consultations, please feel free to contact the study team at Study.on.EU.skillsportability.Action2@it.ey.com

Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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