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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Accreditation for the **Study supporting the identification of professions for the extension of automatic recognition through common training frameworks under Directive 2005/36/EC**

Dear Sir, / Dear Madam,

I would like to inform you that Spark Legal and Policy Consulting, with the support of 3s Unternehmensberatung GmbH, is currently conducting the study supporting the identification of professions for the extension of automatic recognition through Common Training Frameworks (CTFs) on behalf of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

The objective of this study is to support the European Commission in identifying the professions that may be suitable for the development of CTFs under Directive 2005/36/EC, by examining the following aspects:

- the regulatory landscape of professions across Member States, including the extent to which comparable professional activities, qualifications, and training requirements exist;
- the presence of labour-market needs and skills shortages across Europe, in order to identify professions where enhanced mobility could provide added value;
- the feasibility of developing a CTF for the selected professions, based on the presence of shared core knowledge, skills, and competences, and the added value such frameworks could provide for the internal market and cross-border mobility;
- the specific components that a potential CTF could comprise, taking into account existing commonalities and the practical considerations necessary for its implementation.

The results of the study will allow the European Commission to adopt informed future decisions.

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. 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, including the setting of common training frameworks to facilitate recognition of professional qualifications.



- Action 3: EU rules for the recognition of qualifications and validation of skills of third country nationals.

During the study, Spark 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 common training frameworks to streamline recognition procedures for the professions identified. Direct feedback from relevant stakeholders is an essential element for the quality and usefulness of this study. To ensure the success of this exercise, the European Commission will be grateful for your assistance to the team of external evaluators and for providing them with the information necessary for their assignment.

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 enquiries on this study and the purpose of the consultations, please contact the study team and notably Ms Anna Rossa at Spark Legal and Policy Consulting (anna@sparklegalpolicy.eu)

Thank you in advance for your active cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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