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Mr M. Arch
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Dear Mr Arch,

I refer to your letter dated 19 July 2016 to Commissioner Bieńkowska, in which you express concerns regarding the non-transposition into French legislation of the Directive 2013/55/EU on the recognition of the professional qualifications. I have been asked to reply as my unit is in charge of the free movement of professionals and professional qualifications.

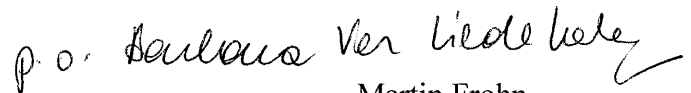
Article 3.1 of Directive 2013/55/EU stipulates that Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 18 January 2016. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the measures referred to above.

For the time being, France has notified to the Commission measures leading only partially to the transposition of the mentioned Directive. It is for this reason that, in March 2016, the Commission sent to France a letter of formal notice for failure to notify the measures transposing Directive 2013/55/EU. Therefore there is already an infringement procedure for non-transposition against France on this aspect and the dialogue with the French authorities is ongoing.

Regarding the alleged violation of Article 7(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC as modified by Directive 2013/55/EU, as for instance in the ongoing complaint procedure you mention, we will address the issue in the specific context of this ongoing case, without neglecting the overall assessment of the conformity of the French legislation transposing the Directive 2013/55/EU to European Union law.

Our services remain available upon request should you need more information.

Yours sincerely,


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