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Report on Statistics of the European Commission – Details about Regulated Professions

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REPORT FROM THE EU MATTERS WORKING GROUP OF THE ER-WCPT ON STATISTICS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DETAILS ABOUT REGULATED PROFESSIONS

European Region of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) European Union Matters WG

The EU Matters Working Group of the ER-WCPT (EU WG), at its meeting on February 2 – 4, 2008 discussed the statistical data concerning migration for physiotherapists from the EU Commission for the period 1997 – 2006 inclusive.

This information is gathered by the EU Commission from details provided by Competent Authorities in each Member State. A listing of titles used under the heading of physiotherapy as a regulated profession can be found in annex 1. Annex 2 is a summary of the migration statistics from Member States. Both annexes are taken from the EU Commission website.

The EU WG has in this connection made the following observations:

LIST OF REGULATED PROFESSIONS FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

This list of titles of physiotherapists shows the different national titles of the profession in the 26 member states and the EEA.

Link:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/regprof/regprofs/dsp_regprofs.cfm?profId=1250

However, we have noticed that,

- 3 Member States have not listed their national titles: Estonia, Hungary and Latvia. Their competent authorities have apparently not listed the professional title of physiotherapist.
- Information from Bulgaria and Romania is missing due to the fact that these 2 Member States were included in the EU from 2006, and this list dates only until 2006.
- For Liechtenstein 2 professional titles are listed, of which one does not correspond to the profession, and the same goes for 2 of the 3 titles listed for the Netherlands.
- Under the headline of “physical Therapist” only Finland is registered with a profession of “utbildad naprapat” which is a profession not corresponding to “physiotherapist”

- Some of the previous errors that we have been in touch with the Member Organisations about regarding titles that did not belong to the profession have been corrected since the last published EU Commission list.

SUMMARY TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE PROFESSION OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

The summary table of statistics on the profession of physiotherapists shows that the total number of migrating physiotherapists under the Directives (2 old plus new so plural) for free migration for this period 1997 – 2006 has been 6.964. The proportion of physiotherapists undergoing tests and training and the positive or negative results can be read in the statistics.

The link is:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/regprof/stats/dsp_stats.cfm?profId=1250 and this link can also be found at the website of the ER- WCPT under 'Migration'.

Further information concerning each Member State's statistical data for migrating physiotherapists can be found under the list of regulated professional titles by clicking on the column for statistics.

COMPENSATION MEASURES:

Under the Directive on free migration – if the Competent Authority chooses to derogate from free migration and to use compensation measures to allow recognition – the applicant must (according to directive 2005/36/EC article 14 point 2) be offered a choice between test and training. Member organisations are encouraged to check with their competent authority whether this choice is in fact being offered to the migrant physiotherapist if there are significant differences in education.

Recommendations:

Member organisations are recommended to check their own statistical data of migration to their member state and contact their competent authority if omissions and errors are noticed.

Member organisations are encouraged to make sure that their own page of the ER WCPT website for information for migrating physiotherapists is up-to-date