



Commission Recommendation on recognition of qualifications of third country nationals

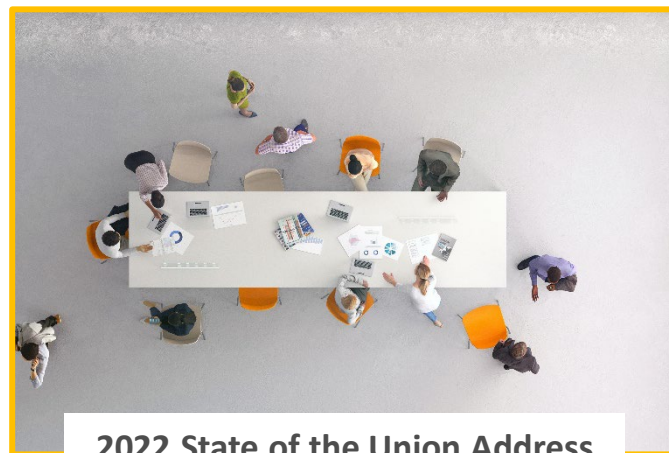
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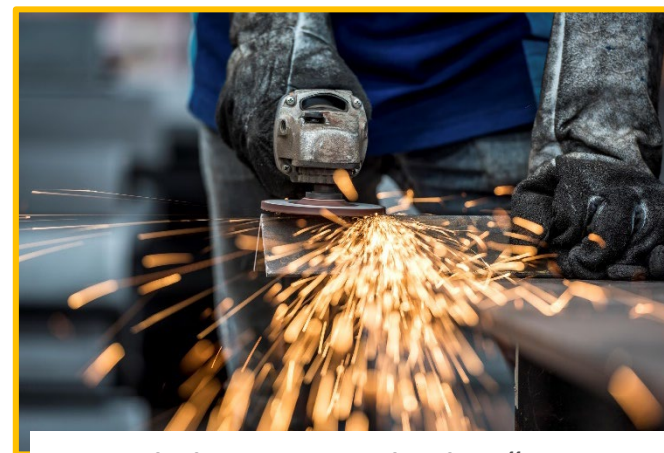
Context



Skills gaps in Europe



**2022 State of the Union Address
of the President**



**Commission Communication "A Green
Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero
Age"**

Recognition of qualifications of third country nationals

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Call for evidence

Feedback period
14 September 2023 - 12
October 2023

FEEDBACK: OPEN

UPCOMING

Commission adoption

Planned for
Fourth quarter 2023

About this initiative

Summary This action is part of the initiative on recognition of qualifications of third country nationals announced by President von der Leyen in her 2022 State of the Union speech as a measure to help address severe labour shortages facing European businesses. The overall initiative has been announced in the 2023 Commission work programme.

Topic Single market

Type of act Recommendation

Category Commission Work Programme

Call for evidence

Call for Evidence published

Deadline: 12 October 2023

Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/554 of 5 April 2022 on the recognition of qualifications for people fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine

- *assessment report published*



Recognition of skills and qualifications



Access to regulated professions



Legal migration



Academic recognition

Principles

Systematically reduce barriers for third country nationals to use their qualifications

Ethical approach

'Skills first' approach

Avoid basing assessments solely on qualifications

Avoid use of labour market tests

Recognition should not be required for purposes of employment in non-regulated professions

Access to regulated professions

- Closer alignment with Directive 2005/36/EC
 - Documents and formalities
 - Decisions



- Reduce administrative burden
 - Processing times
 - Translations
 - Authentication
 - Costs



Priority Professions

- Competent authorities play a role in reporting on shortage professions
- ‘Fast track applications’
- Develop precedent
- Recognition measures to give faster access to practise

Follow-up measures

To include....

- Discussion, mutual learning and information gathering via stakeholder groups
- Assess feasibility of EU level tools (e.g. database of recognition decisions) to support exchange of information and consistency in recognition
- Extend the Regulated Professions Database to include information for third country nationals

Questions



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