



# **Proposal of the Commission amending Directive 2005/36/EC**

## **The European Professional Card**





# What is the European professional card?

- **An electronic certificate associated with:**
  - An optimised recognition procedure
    - Involvement of the home MS competent authorities
    - Systematic use of IMI with some new features (repository of professionals' file in IMI)
  - Shorter deadlines
- **A voluntary tool for the professions**
  - Available - as an option - for the interested professions (through implementing acts)
  - An alternative to the normal procedure of recognition





# Interested professions

## Discussion in a Steering Group in 2011

- **Nurses**
- **Doctors**
- **Engineers**
- **Physiotherapists**
- **Mountain guides**
- **Real estate professions**
- **Ski instructors**
- More information and relevant documents from the work of the Steering group - check DG IM website:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/qualifications/policy\\_developments/european\\_professional\\_card\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/policy_developments/european_professional_card_en.htm)

→ Adoption of implementing acts to specify the use of the card for each profession





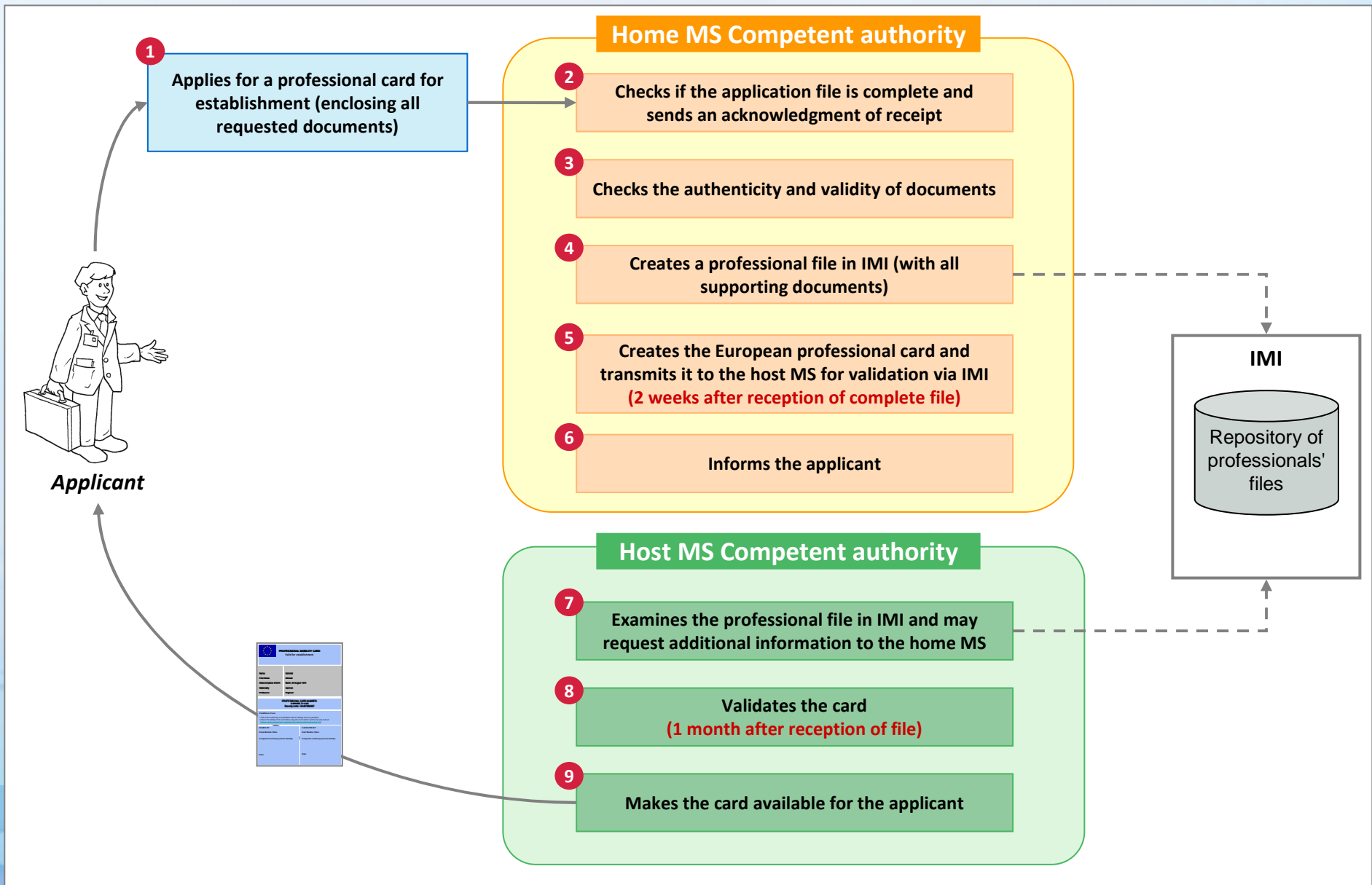
## How could it work for establishment?

- The recognition procedure starts in the home MS
- The documents submitted by the professional are checked by the home MS and registered in IMI
- The host MS examines the documents in IMI and – under the general system – compares the qualifications before validating the card. It can decide to impose compensation measures.
- The card is issued in the host MS
- The card certifies that the qualification of the professional has been recognised in the host MS



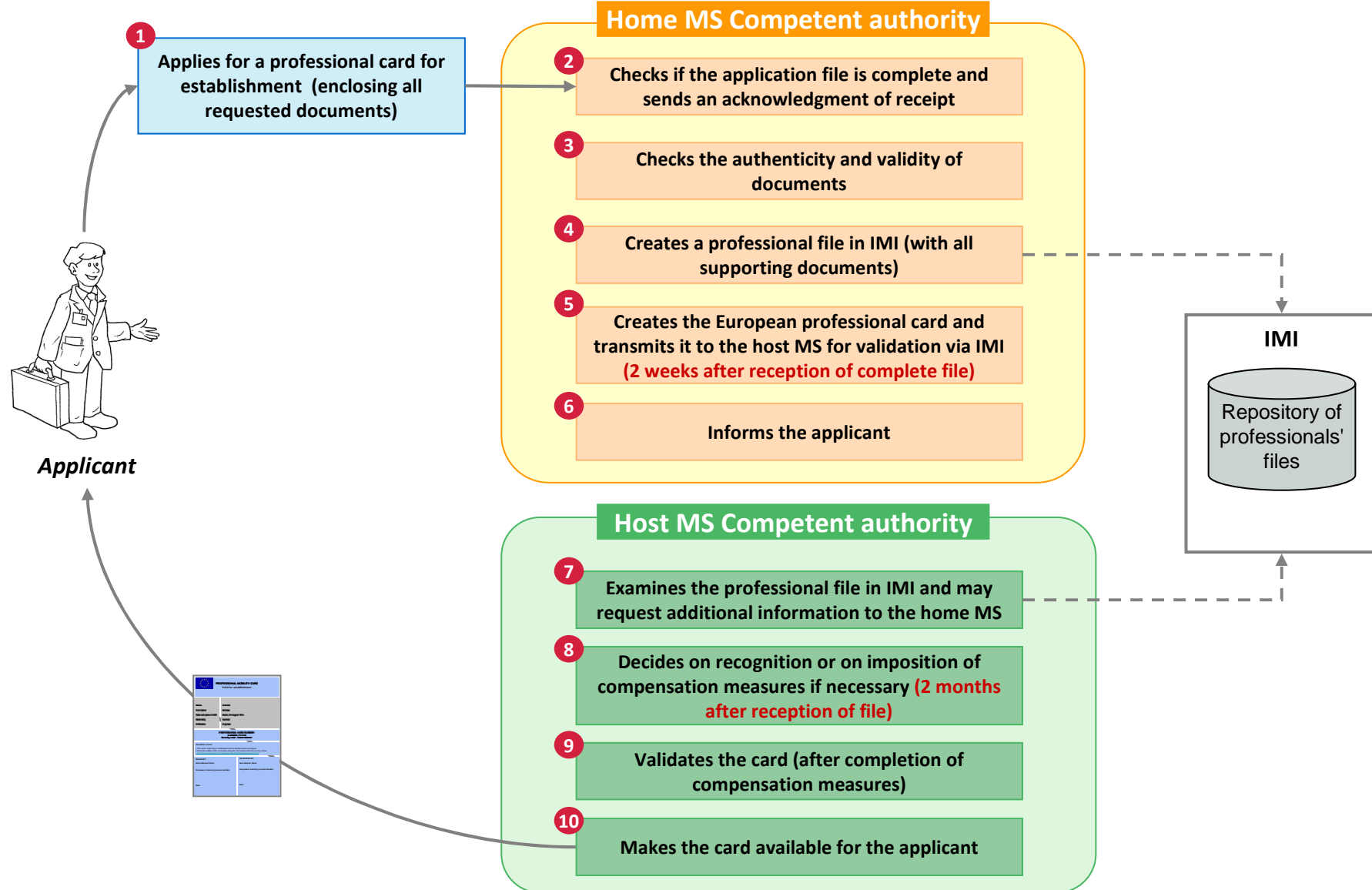
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## CASE 1: Establishment - Automatic recognition



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## CASE 2: Establishment – General system (also valid for Article 7-4)





# How could it work for temporary mobility?

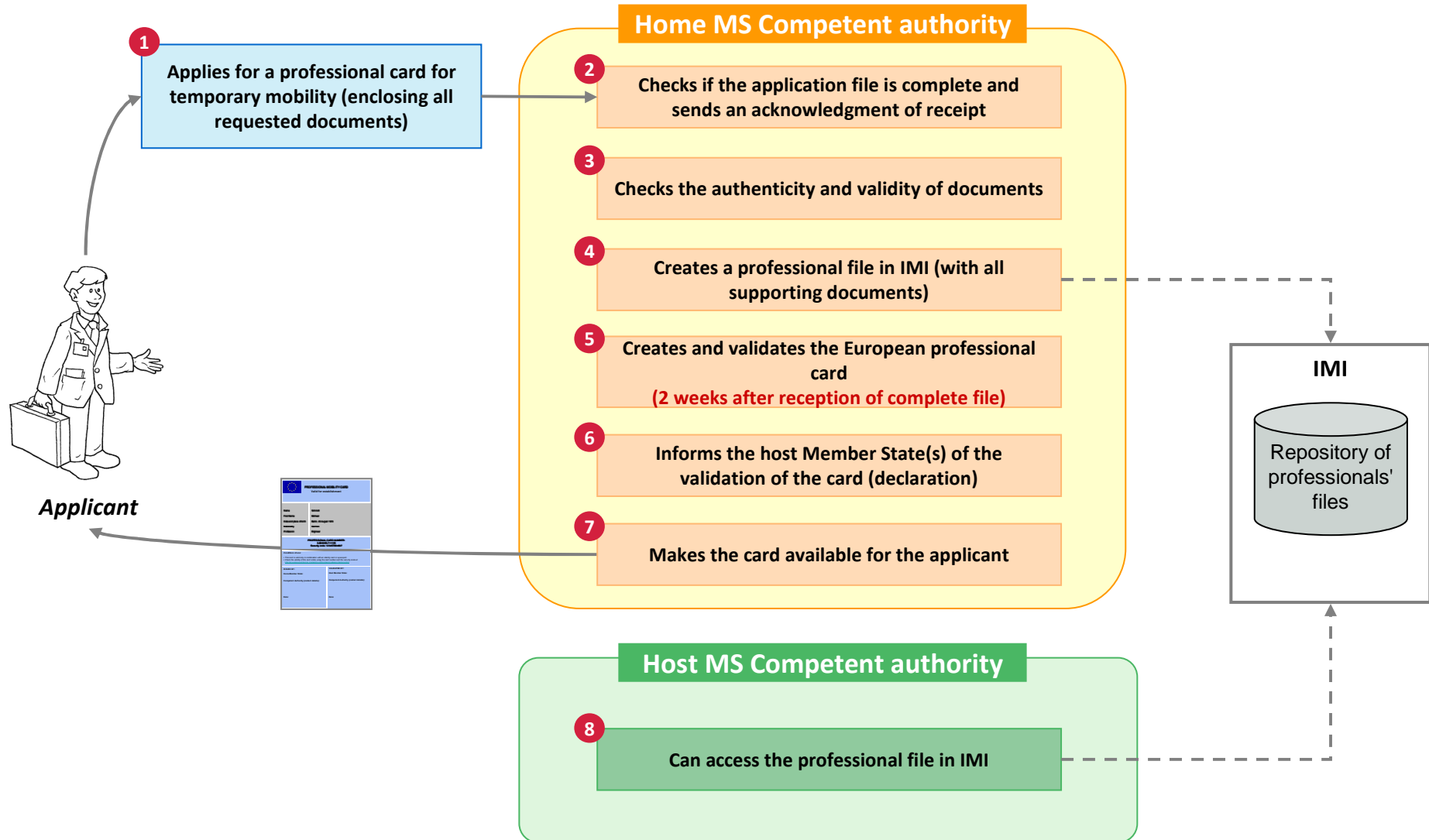
(except for Art.7-4)

- The professional contacts the home MS to obtain the card and indicates in which MS he intends to provide services
- The documents submitted by the professional are checked by the home MS and registered in IMI
- The card is issued in the home MS
- The card constitutes the prior declaration for 2 years and is valid at the same time in all MS requested for



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## CASE 3: Temporary mobility (except Article 7-4)





# Proposed deadlines\*

## Standard recognition procedure

Establishment  
Automatic  
recognition

- **3 months**

Establishment  
General  
system

- **4 months**

Temp.mobility  
No check of  
qualifications

- **No specific deadline**

## Recognition procedure with a EPC

Establishment  
Automatic  
recognition

- 2 weeks (check in the home MS) + 1 month (examination in the host MS) = **1,5 months**

Establishment  
General  
system

- 2 weeks (check in the home MS) + 2 months (examination in the host MS) = **2,5 months**

Temp.mobility  
No check of  
qualifications

- **2 weeks**

\*Deadlines set after the submission of a **complete file**





## Contents and format of the card

- Electronic document
- On the card: only basic information (name, date and place of birth, profession, applicable regime, competent authorities involved, number and security features).
- All the details about the professional in the IMI file  
- accessible only to the involved competent authorities





# How could an electronic certificate look like?

	
<b>PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARD</b> Valid for establishment	
<b>Name</b>	Schmidt
<b>First Name</b>	Michael
<b>Date and place of birth</b>	Berlin, 23 August 1974
<b>Nationality</b>	German
<b>Profession</b>	Engineer
<b>PROFESSIONAL CARD NUMBER:</b> 3-800065-711135 Security code: 123457884697	
<b>Conditions of use:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This card is valid only in combination with an identity card or a passport.</li> <li>Check the validity of this card online using the card number and the security code at: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/imi-net/professionalpass/checking.html">http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/imi-net/professionalpass/checking.html</a></li> </ul>	
<b>ISSUED BY:</b>	<b>VALIDATED BY:</b>
<b>Home Member State:</b>	<b>Host Member State:</b>
<b>Competent Authority (contact details):</b>	<b>Competent Authority (contact details):</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

	
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<b>Conditions of use:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This card is valid for temporary mobility in all EU Member States (except for cases covered by Article 7(4) of the Directive 2005/36/EC)</li> <li>This card is valid only in combination with an identity card or a passport.</li> <li>Check the validity of this card online using the card number and the security code at: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/imi-net/professionalpass/checking.html">http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/imi-net/professionalpass/checking.html</a></li> </ul>	
<b>ISSUED BY:</b>	
<b>Home Member State:</b>	
<b>Competent Authority (contact details):</b>	
<b>Date of issue:</b>	<b>Valid until:</b>





## New features in IMI

- Repository of professionals' files for:
  - Registering the documents submitted by the professional
  - Consulting the documents submitted by the professional
  - Obligation for competent authorities to update the file with information on disciplinary sanctions
- Possibility to send automatic notifications to other MS and to applicants
- Possibility to generate an electronic certificate





## Access for the professionals and third parties

- Art 4b§4: the Commission can adopt implementing acts to specify the possibility for professionals to download the card and submit updates for the file
- Art 4e§7: Responsibility of Member States to allow employers, customers and patients to verify the validity of the card (a public interface could allow third parties to check validity of the card)





## Costs at EU level

- Funding by the European Union in 2013/2014
  - Development within IMI: 124000 EUR
  - Development online application tool (public interface): 380000 EUR
  - No additional costs for current and future EU budgets
  - Fees in MS charged only on real cost basis

