

COLLOQUIUM

**THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS
AND THE NEW DIRECTIVE**

Maastricht (NL), 24-26 October 2005

INVITATION

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in Maastricht (NL) is organising a colloquium entitled “**The Mutual Recognition of Diplomas and the new Directive**” which will be held in Maastricht on 24, 25 and 26 October 2005. The working language is English with possible simultaneous interpretation into German, should there be sufficient request.

This three-day colloquium will present the new EU Directive on the recognition of foreign diplomas that was adopted on 6 June 2005, as well as recent case law on the recognition of foreign diplomas, qualifications and other certificates. In addition, the participants will be given a description of how the recognition process is organised in practice in three countries in the field of teaching and paramedical activities. Following the landmark ruling by the European Court of Justice in the Neri case, this colloquium will present the interaction of this aspect of the Internal Market with national education policies and structures as well as examine how national sovereignty on this sensitive field has now been expressly limited. This colloquium is a continuation of EIPA’s successful series of seminars on this issue. At each event, the situation of two professions are examined more closely (one requiring an academic qualification, the other not). Both fall within the so-called *General System* of Recognition under the EU Directives and, therefore, the practical problems encountered here exist in analogous form in many other professions as well

This colloquium is designed for officials and specialists in the Member States who deal with the process of permitting foreign professionals to practise, or specialists in migration involved in the field of free movement of professionals and services. Following recent rulings by the European Court of Justice, this event is now important for those developing and monitoring the formation of national education policies and their structure.

You will find enclosed all the relevant information. Should you wish to receive more details about this activity, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Eveline Hermens, Programme Organiser, tel.: +31.43.3296259, fax: +31.43.3296296, e-mail: e.hermens@eipa-nl.com. You can also consult our web site: <http://www.eipa.nl> (conferences and seminars). ***We would be most grateful if you could also distribute this information among other persons who may be interested in this colloquium.***

Yours faithfully,

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