

- **EU Single Market Policy
and Spatial Planners**

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Main Objectives:

One Market covering whole EU

Open Competition

Free movement of professionals

Aims at exchange of information and experiences, innovation, market efficiencies, protection of consumers, economic cohesion, enhancing professional quality, knowledge based economy

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EU Legislation Agreed by Member States, is to be implemented and assessed by MS and

DG Internal Market and Services:
recognition of professionals

obstacles against free movement

DG Competition:

open price setting

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- Competition and Free Movement of Professionals
Counteract

Historic general ***PROTECTION*** of professions

Quality of the profession

Recognition as professional

Income of professionals

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- Quality of the Profession

EU: Requirements for awarding

MS: Level of education, standards/ requirements of
r products/ services

European Association: Standards for membership

National Associations: Requirements education/
m membership/ certification

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- **Quality of Spatial planning** *(strong relation to local/regional/national development policies)*

EU Open competition/ universities

MS National regulations / universities

ECTP-CEU Common core of the profession

Nat Ass Educational requirements; Large variety in
influence on national regulations

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- **Recognition of the Profession**

Power to submit (undersign) Plans

Requirements for awarding tasks

Obliged membership of professional association

Chartered professional

EU recognition regulated professions

Registration according to general services directive

Free movement of professionals requires mutual recognition, and removing unjustified obstacles

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Recognition of Spatial Planners

- EC General Services Directive based on national regulations
- Exclusive power to submit plans in countries with Chamber/Collegio system
- Membership Chamber /Collegio obliged in some countries
- Membership RTPI/IPI required for chartered planner in UK/ Ireland
- Voluntary membership of Nat Ass supports recognition
- Protection of title “Town Planner” through register (gen serv directive)

- No Platform for mutual recognition yet

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- Income of Professionals

Fixed Tariffs for Fees/Remuneration breach
EU Regulations on free competition.

They never may/ will bind potential clients,
Even suggested, recommended fee levels questioned

- **Income of Spatial Planning Consultants**

EU Tasks: Open competition on fixed budgets

MS Tasks: Open Competition fixed or negotiable budget

Local/Regional tasks vary per country:

Mainly competition, in few cases where fee codes still exist, clients undermine lowest scales, if consultant is regarded high quality, no discussion on remuneration.

EU Ass: No involvement in remuneration policy

Nat Ass: very few defensive actions still

What can be done?

Install platform for Mutual Recognition

(EU Associations/ DG Internal market and services)

EU Cards for recognised professionals

(DG Internal market and services/ EU Associations)

Offer services only on commercially based calculations

(Individual, competing consultancies)

Concentrate on innovative processes

(Consultancies/universities/Nat Ass/ EU Ass)

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Protection of Income of professionals does not support Innovation

The recognition of importance of the quality of professions for safety/ sustainability/ prosperity of (future) society is a political issue

Thank you for your attention !