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MEETING REPORT

Meeting on "Memorandum of Understanding establishing a pilot project for a professional card to be issued to ski instructors in the European Union" – Meeting held on 24.02.2012

1. INTRODUCTION

On 24 February 2012 representatives of the professional associations of ski instructors from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, France, Italy (including from the region of Bolzano), Ireland, Romania and the United Kingdom met at the premises of DG "Internal Market and Services" in Brussels. Representatives from the public authorities (or the permanent representations to the European Union in Brussels) from Austria, France, Germany, and Spain were represented as well (see attached the attendance list).

The main purpose of this meeting was the signature of the "Memorandum of Understanding establishing a pilot project for a professional card to be issued to ski instructors in the European Union" ("MoU") by professional associations following its signature by competent authorities from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Romania and the United Kingdom, which took place at the meeting of the Group of Coordinators on professional qualifications of 6 February 2012.

J. Tiedje (DG MARKT) opened the meeting by drawing the attention of the participants to several important dates. As it had already been agreed that existing national card models would be used for this pilot project, it was emphasized that model specimens should be sent to the Commission services by **15 March 2012** in order to be listed in Annex IV of the MoU. Under the terms of the MoU, the signatories are expected to take the necessary measures in order to ensure that the pilot cards may be issued to interested professional ski instructors as of **15 September 2012**. The application period of the MoU and the validity period of the pilot professional cards had been set to expire on **30 June**

2013 and should be indicated on national cards. A stock-taking exercise will be organised following the expiry of this period.

2. ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE SIGNATURE OF THE MOU

J. Tiedje indicated that national professional cards should necessarily contain a reference to the MoU and the agreed validity period. The French representatives suggested that the associations could agree on a logo incorporating these elements and send it to the Commission services for review and circulation.

It was agreed that a Declaration be annexed to the MoU setting out a transitional arrangement for Spanish professional ski instructors holding prior to 6 February 2012 diplomas of the superior grade of "Técnico deportivo superior esquí alpino" (a group of around 200 persons) and "Técnico deportivo esquí alpino" who should get access to Eurotests in future. According to the text of the Declaration, the applicants who are holders of this diploma shall be issued with a professional card in accordance with the conditions set out in the MoU.

As regards holders of the highest Romanian ski instructor qualification, it was agreed that intensive exchange of information and advice would be organised with representatives of the profession from other Member States, notably Austria, France, Italy and Spain.

The German representatives noted the difficulty encountered with respect to the possibility for professional cards to be issued by a non-governmental body without mandate or empowerment by national law. For this reason, the MoU would be signed by representatives of the profession only. It was further indicated that the MoU would nevertheless be fully applied in Germany by German authorities (see the declaration attached).

Due to internal arrangements, the Italian associations signed whilst the Italian competent authorities will come back to sign the MoU by 15 March 2012.

The representatives from Austria withdrew the reservation relating to that Member State set out in a footnote to the MoU.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE INTERMEDIARY REPORT ON THE INVENTORY OF ALPINE SKI TRAINING IN THE EU

Representatives of ski instructors/public authorities from France, Spain and the United Kingdom made a detailed presentation of an Intermediary Report on the on-going inventory of the Alpine ski instructor training in EU Member States (Rapporteur: Arnaud Pinguet). It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to the Group of Coordinators and representatives of the profession who were not able to attend the meeting.

J. Tiedje drew the attention of the participants to the legislative Proposal for modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive, in particular the new concept of 'common

training principles' that would allow for automatic recognition. He invited the participants to consider whether this concept might be of interest to the profession as an alternative project for identifying common elements, such as common training curricula or, if the first option is too ambitious, a common training test.

4. SIGNATURE OF THE MOU BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The MoU was signed by representatives from the public authorities from Spain for the Spanish state and from Austria (as regards one remaining issue), as well as co-signed by representatives of ski instructor associations from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, France, Italy, Romania and the United Kingdom

5. NEXT STEPS

The represented associations will agree on a logo that will include the elements: i) "MoU" and ii) validity period of 30 June 2013 to be incorporated in national pilot cards, and send it to the Commission services by mid-March for circulation.

The Commission will circulate the Intermediary Report on the on-going inventory of the Alpine ski instructor training in EU Member States to the Group of Coordinators and representatives of the profession who were not able to attend the meeting.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

<u>NAME OF PARTICIPANT</u>		<u>ORGANISATION</u>
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WENZEL, Claudius	DE	Permanent Representation
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SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, José	ES	Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte
GONZALEZ VEGA, Javier	ES	Permanent Representation
MUNUERA, Diego	ES	Real Federación Española Deportes de Invierno (Royal Spanish Winter Sports Federation)
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VITALI, Daniela	FR	interpreter
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SEVAISTRE, Vianney	FR	Ministère des Sports
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MARCHISIO, Marco	IT	FISI
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WALTER, Richard	AT	Österreichische Skischulverband (ÖSSV)
BINDER, Claus	AT	Permanent representation
PELIN, Florin	RO	Romanian Ski Biathlon Federation
WATERS, Fergus	UK	British association of snowsport instructors (BASI)
RENOUF, Dave	UK	British association of snowsport instructors (BASI)

Brüssel, den 25. Februar 2012

**Protokollerklärung
Deutschlands**

Deutschland vertritt die Auffassung, dass Berufsausweise nach der Änderungsrichtlinie zur RL 2005/36/EG von gesetzlich ermächtigten Stellen (wie etwa Behörden, Berufskammern) ausgegeben werden.

Für die Geltungsdauer des MoU werden im Einklang mit dem MoU in anderen Mitgliedstaaten ausgegebene Berufsausweise von den in Deutschland zuständigen Behörden akzeptiert.

Brussels, 25 February 2012

Declaration
by Germany

Germany takes the view that, pursuant to the Directive amending Directive 2005/36/EC, professional cards will be issued by authorities empowered by statute (such as authorities and professional organisations).

For the duration of the memorandum of understanding, professional cards issued in other Member States in accordance with the memorandum of understanding will be accepted by the competent authorities in Germany.

DECLARATION

IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF 6/24 February

Pursuant to footnote 1 of the "Memorandum of Understanding establishing a pilot project for a professional card to be issued to ski instructors in the European Union" signed on 6/24 February 2012, the signatories thereof declare that Spanish professional ski instructors holding prior to 6 February 2012 diplomas of the superior grade of "Técnico deportivo superior esqui alpino" (a group of around 200 persons) shall be treated, during the application period of the Memorandum, in accordance with paragraph 2, 3d indent of the Memorandum. To this end, the signatories of the Memorandum agree that the respective applicants shall be issued with a "pilot" professional card by the Spanish authorities. A list with the details of the beneficiaries shall be notified to the authorities of the other Member States which are applying the Memorandum.

As of 6 February 2012, the holders of the diploma "Técnico deportivo de esqui alpino" may receive a professional card in accordance with the conditions set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (successful Eurotest and successful "Eurosecurity" test).

The approach chosen reflects the arrangements which were already foreseen in 2000 for nationals of certain other Member States and concerns the specific situation in Spain. Such arrangements had been agreed by various European ski instructors associations on the occasion of the conclusion of the Brussels Agreement. It is understood that the current declaration shall not constitute a precedent for the treatment of professional qualifications of other Member States.