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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached an EFN letter to Ms Emily O'Reilly in relation to the consultation concerning the composition of the Commission expert groups.

Best regards,
Paul De Raeve
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Brussels, 28 August 2014

Consultation concerning the composition of European Commission expert groups

Dear Ms O'Reilly,

The European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) welcomes your willingness and effort towards achieving a more balanced and meaningful composition of Commission expert groups. As the nurses' voice at EU level, representing National Nursing Associations from 34 European countries, the EFN engages in every consultation that can have an impact in nursing and nurses, and in the EU health workforce at large. However, despite investing our constituency in building arguments and providing the Commission with hands-on information to better shape EU policies, it is unclear to the EFN how much our views are taken into account.

I would like to raise your attention to the negotiations of Directive 2005/36/EC before it was amended by Directive 2013/55/EU. At the time of the negotiation of the Directive, in 2005, the seven sectoral professions under the automatic recognition regime agreed with the European Commission on ensuring consultation with experts, from professionals groups concerned, to participate and complement the coordinators meeting of the Directive 36. Almost ten years after, and with an amended Directive being implemented, the EFN has never been invited to participate at the coordinators meeting despite its clear involvement in many of the topics discussed there. This has led to lack of information and of transparency which does not promote a meaningful involvement of stakeholders.

I would therefore invite you to pursue your efforts to ensure more transparency and appropriate involvement of experts and stakeholders in the process of consultation of the European Commission in order to achieve in reality many of the EU goals that are only true on paper.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Paul De Raeve', is written over a large black rectangular redaction box.

Paul De Raeve
EFN General Secretary