

**Question for written answer E-014900/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Recognition of qualifications of third country nationals in the EU

The Bologna Process now covers 47 European countries and plays a positive role in the process of recognising the qualifications of third country nationals. However, many countries from the European Higher Education Area have still not completed the Bologna Process or have not even begun it yet. Despite this, the processes of recognising qualifications must take place. This means that progress in this area is taking on a new significance against the backdrop of the migration crisis and is becoming exceptionally urgent and important. Procedures for granting recognition to qualifications, which sometimes last several years, mean that the experiences of migrants cannot be used while the procedure is ongoing. This has an impact on the financial state and competitiveness of the EU.

In this connection:

Has the Commission carried out work to facilitate procedures under the existing process for the recognition of qualifications by making them quicker, transparent, free of charge and easily accessible?

What is the importance of popularising and spreading the Bologna Process in this context?