



## **ECEC UNDERSTANDING OF COMPENSATIONS MEASURES**

### **PREAMBLE**

Up to the *DIRECTIVE 2005/36/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications, particularly:*

*Article 13 - Conditions for recognition, Article 14 - Compensations measures, Article 15 - Waiving of compensation measures on the basis of common platforms,*

we, European Council of Engineers Chambers (ECEC),

through this document adopted on ECEC Assembly in Rome on the 17. November 2006, express our professional statement on the understanding of

*“attestation of competence or evidence of formal qualifications required by another Member State in order to gain access to and pursue that profession on its territory” (Article 13)*

### **FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENTS**

1. The today World Economy Competence and Business Success is based on the Quality Competition. Invention and Creativity are the basic tools for achieving highest possible quality in goods production and service providing.
2. ECEC understands that European Engineers have to recognize this World trends and to struggle for more science, knowledge, capability and ability of each European Engineer providing service with public responsibility, especially engineers who have the public recognized power to sign.
3. It is clear and evident that achieving of these goals is fundamentally tied with basic University education and improvement of University gained knowledge through practice and experience.

## ECEC STATEMENT

4. Therefore ECEC considers as important that ECEC members states governments and Engineers Chambers or respective associations or societies recognize that each European Engineer, who have the public recognized power to sign and who:
  - practises imagination based on a broad understanding of scientific principles, knowledge of materials and the art of analysis and synthesis, research, team working, leadership and business skills,
  - has achieved a Master degree of an approved University Program, after a minimum education time of four years, with the equivalent achievement of at least 300 ECTS,
  - has a minimum of three years of professional experience after having finished the University,
  - is being a member of the national Engineers Chamber or respective association or society,
  - signed the respective Code of Conduct of the national Engineers Chamber or respective association or society,

is completely free of any Compensation Measures in providing Engineering Service in the Host Country.

5. The minimum knowledge of host country language, or using the interpreter, necessary for engineering service providing is the responsibility of the Engineer.

### FINALLY

6. ECEC is convinced that common understanding and acceptance of above principles in European States and Engineering Practice are the basic elements of European Engineers capability and competence in World Engineering Services Competition.
7. The practical application of above principles in the European engineering services free market is the basic guaranty for European engineering practice improvement on the benefit of all societies.
8. We, ECEC are convinced that these principles ensure “*the abolition, as between Member States, of obstacles to the free movement of persons and services*” (Directive 2005/36/EC, (1)).

For ECEC

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