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Workshop on Common Platforms and Legislation Regulation

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Austrian Background

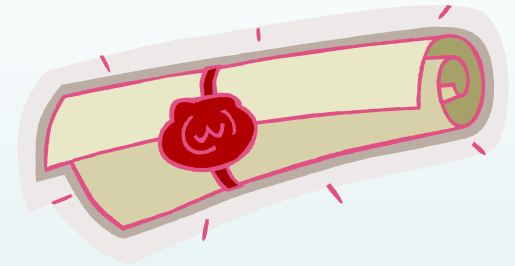
- legal base (**MTD-Gesetz**)
- transfer into practice
- physiotherapists in numbers
- migration



Law (1992)

regulates 7 allied health professions

- **Physiotherapists**
- **Biomedical scientists**
- **Radiological technologists**
- **Dieticians**
- **Occupational therapists**
- **Logopedics**
- **Orthoptists**



job description, field of activities, professional duties;
education, access, examination, continuing programmes;
admission to practice.

<http://www.edusystem.at/?swlang=en>

Education Order (1993)

Theoretical teaching, practical training, clinical practice
on higher education institutions (**Akademien**)

- defined subjects
- duration
- qualification of teachers
- course of examinations

Legal Amendments

2005,2006

- according to the Bologna Declaration
- cooperation of
 - ministry of health
 - ministry of education
 - council of the universities of applied sciences
- bachelor education
- competences are defined by order
- special attention on clinical practice

Implementation

education on universities of applied science

- first students will start in autumn 2006
(in 3 federal countries)
- bachelor diploma after 3 years
- fit for practice, without any restriction



Transfer into Practice

- government
- „**Laender**“ (federal countries)
 - indirect federal administration
 - provide the education institutions
- district offices
 - licence of self-employment
 - prohibition of practising
- professional associations
 - recommendations
 - professional expertises
 - negotiations with the social insurance institutions

Austrian ~ Numbers

- more than 5.000 physiotherapists are working
(5.000 biomedical scientists, 1.500 midwives, 60.000 nurses,
35.000 medical doctors)
- 1/3 in private practice / self-employed
- 300 students finish their education per year
- at 19 higher education intitutions (*Akademien*)

Migration – Numbers nurses & allied health professions

- 2001 321 admissions
- 2005 2282 admissions

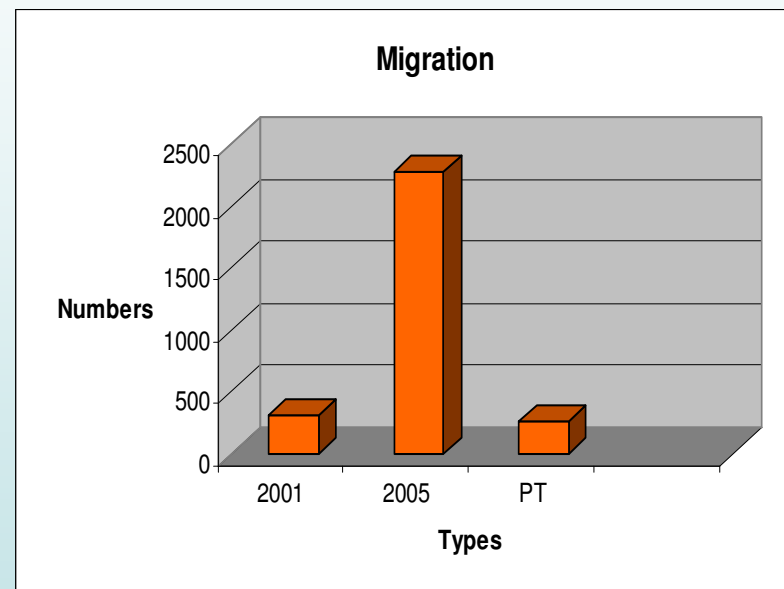
265 physiotherapists

188 Germany
18 Netherlands
21 Slovakia
15 Poland

18 compensation measures – EU

14 non – EU

- leaving Austria – no numbers



Recognition of Qualifications

- case by case assessment of individual application
- level of training + level of qualifications
- possibility of compensation measures

Compensation Measures

aptitude test or adaption period

- for special activities

(like lymphdrainage)

- in special clinical fields

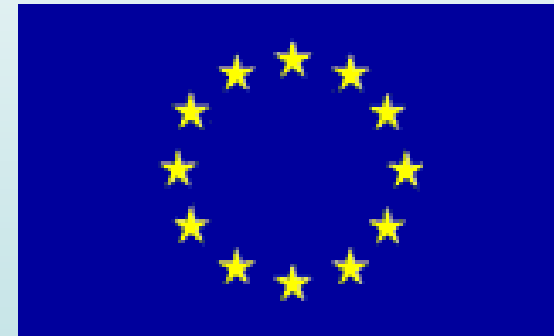
(intensive care, geriatrics, pyschiatry)

- for graduates of former educations

Directive 2005/36/EC

Recognition of Professional Qualifications (15 different directives are united)

- Art 7 (2) attestate the legally pursuing of activities
evidence of professional qualification
- Art 7 (4) compensation measures
- Art 15 possibility of common platforms



Effects

Common Platforms are purely voluntary
- not binding !

- acceleration of administrative proceedings
- practical tool for national authorities
- facilitation of free movement
- information-sharing and transparency
- trendsetting for educational developments
- input for the professional development

Health Professionals Crossing Borders

- European Working Group on the Exchange of Information on Healthcare Professionals
- Consensus Conference in Edinburgh (Oct 2005): recommendations
- certificate of “Current Professional Status”
- up to now 3 updates



Considerations from Austria

- implementation of directive 2005/36 into national law till 2007
- establishment of the registration for physiotherapists
- identify the minimal demands of compulsory CPD (=continuing professional development)
- interest in the inventory of areas of activities and training contents

Registration means Protection and Safety for the Patient

- within the country
 - especially in the area of free practice
 - regarding the duty of CPD
- crossing borders

Essential Principles

- respectation of the specific traditions and historical developments of each member state
- strong willing to gap the bridges between the member states

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Thanks ...

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