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# European Professional Card

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- What's the problem?
  - Information sharing
  - Recognising professional qualifications
- Potential benefits
  - Help professionals to move and practise throughout Europe
  - Aids competent authorities in checking professionals credentials
  - Speed up recognition process

## How the concept of the card has developed

- Initial concept - **plastic card** has now evolved to **e-card**
- Steering group established to:
  - Explore how card should work
  - Make recommendations
- Included representatives of Member States, competent authorities, and professional organisations

## Steering group recommendations

- The card should:
  - be available to all professions that want it
  - enhance trust between competent authorities
  - offer additional assurance to those who use services provided by professionals
  - be piloted

## Home Member State - practical issues for implementation

- Availability of contacts at competent authorities
- Competent authorities must be able to contact the professional
- Competent authorities must provide guidance to professionals
- How will the verification process work?
- Both Member States must be using IMI

## Host Member State - practical issues for implementation

- Host competent authority must be able to get further information from the home competent authority
  - Service standards
- Assessment process
- Host competent authority must be able to communicate with the applicant

## Pilot projects

- Pilot projects must be established for both:
  - Automatic recognition
  - General system
- Need participation from professions with a high level of mobility
  - physiotherapists and doctors
- Need to trial the service standards and process
- Who will fund the implementation of the system?

**Thank you**

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