

Round Table  
***“The new Proposal of Qualification Directive and the Role of Engineering in the Safeguard and Development of Europe”***

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The *Consiglio Nazionale degli Ingegneri* hosted the FEANI General Assembly, and, organized, on that occasion, an International Round Table on “The new Proposal of Qualification Directive and the Role of Engineering in the Safeguard and Development of Europe”. The Round Table gathered around 60 foreign guests.

The Round Table was organized in two sessions, the President of WFEO, Mister Al-Kharafi, the President of FEANI, Mr. Bytoft, the President of ECCE, Mr. Humar, the President of ECEC, Mr. Robl, and CNI’s Councillor in charge of the Foreign Affairs, Mr. Monda were the speakers of the first session, based on a research on the expectations and perspectives of engineers CNI commissioned to an external agency. and the four Presidents of the most important European Associations (FEANI, CLAIU-EU, ECEC and ECCE) were among the speakers.

The President of CLAIU-EU, Mr. Polese, the Secretary General of FEANI, Mr. Bochar, and the Chairs of three National Monitoring Committees FEANI, Mrs. Taukojarvi (Finland), Mr. Owens (Ireland) and Mr. Economopoulos, (Greece) were the speakers of the second session on the Proposal for a modernization of the Directive 2005/36/EC on the professional recognition.

Moderator of the two session was an important Italian journalist, Mr. Andrea Pancani.

Even if the concept of engineer is different in the single States of the European Union, providing for different types and levels of professional legislations, it is probable that at least the needs, hopes, and “expected competence” of professionals may be compared.

Once defined and discussed this “common knowledge” in the first session, CNI’s intention was that the Round Table could find, in the second session, a “common position” also as concerns the new Proposal COM(2011)883 to amend the Directive 2005/36. Objective of the Proposal is to further liberalize the Directive in force regulating the right of establishment and of the service provision for all the regulated professions.

It would be important at least to identify the points of the Proposal, which risk not to deal in the proper way with the challenges engineers will have to face in the next future. Mobility is very precious in a competitive market, but **“TO ASSURE RELIABILITY, QUALITY AND SAFETY”**, as pointed out in the Project of Report of the Parliament, is as much important. Even more important for those intellectual professions responsible for citizens’ safety and environment safeguard and sustainability.

The Round Table was very successful, the audience very interested, the discussants presented their different positions clearly.

As concerns the first matter at issue, there was a quite large convergence of opinions on the future perspectives for engineers, while it was not possible to draft

a common opinion on the proposed amendments to the Directive as the diversity among the two main European formation and professional systems reflect, of course, on the positions of their representatives.

Some discussant was interviewed by the CNI Press Office. All the interviews can found at <http://www.youtube.com/user/TUTTOINGEGNERE/videos?view=0>