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The Internal Market Information System (IMI)

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1. What is the Internal Market Information System (IMI)?

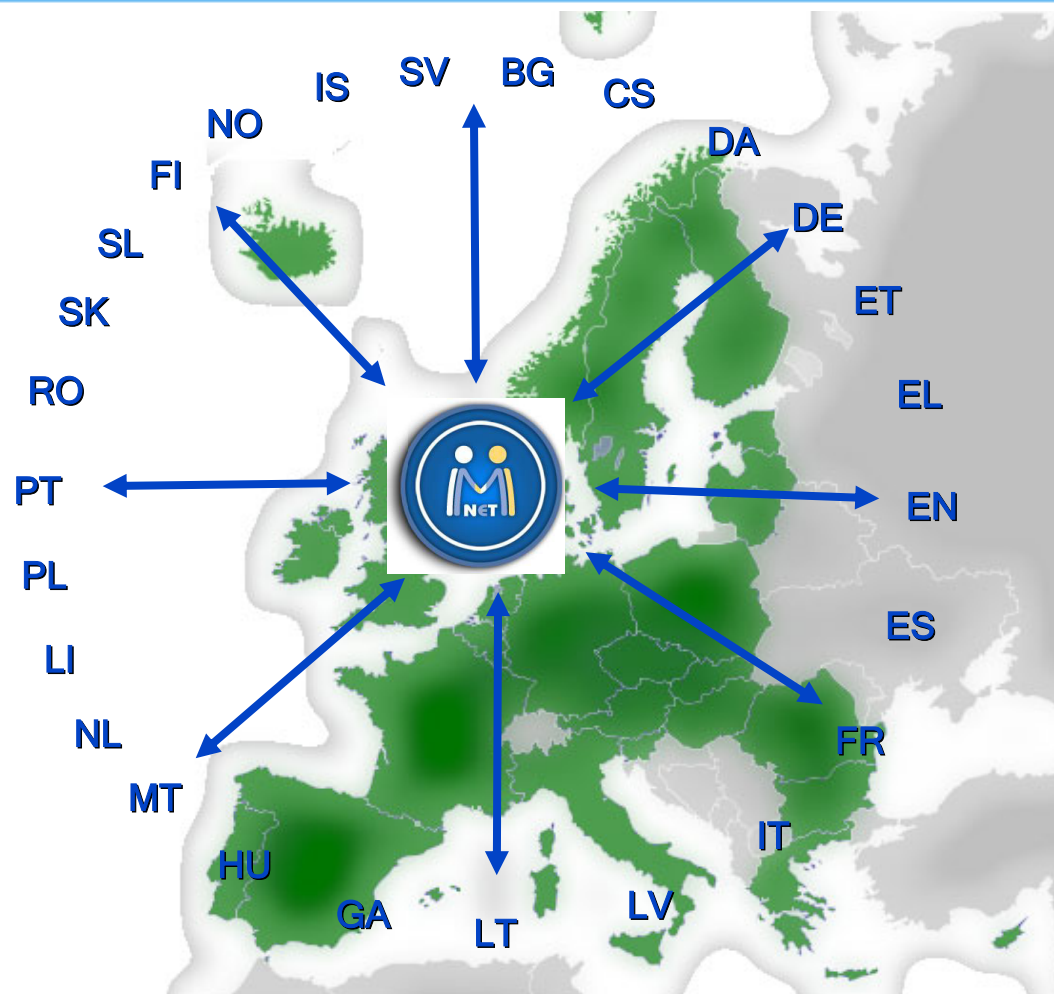


- IMI is a multilingual IT tool for exchange of information between Competent Authorities throughout the European Economic Area
- IMI is developed by the European Commission in partnership with EU Member States
- IMI facilitates communication between public administrations at national, regional and local level

1. What is the Internal Market Information System (IMI)?



- Secure and data protection friendly
- No additional hardware or software
- Multiple legislative areas (currently: Professional Qualifications and the Services Directive)



1. Administrative cooperation The legal obligations



IMI does not impose additional obligations on Member States beyond those already contained in internal market legislation

- **Revised Directive on Professional Qualifications (2005/36/EC)**

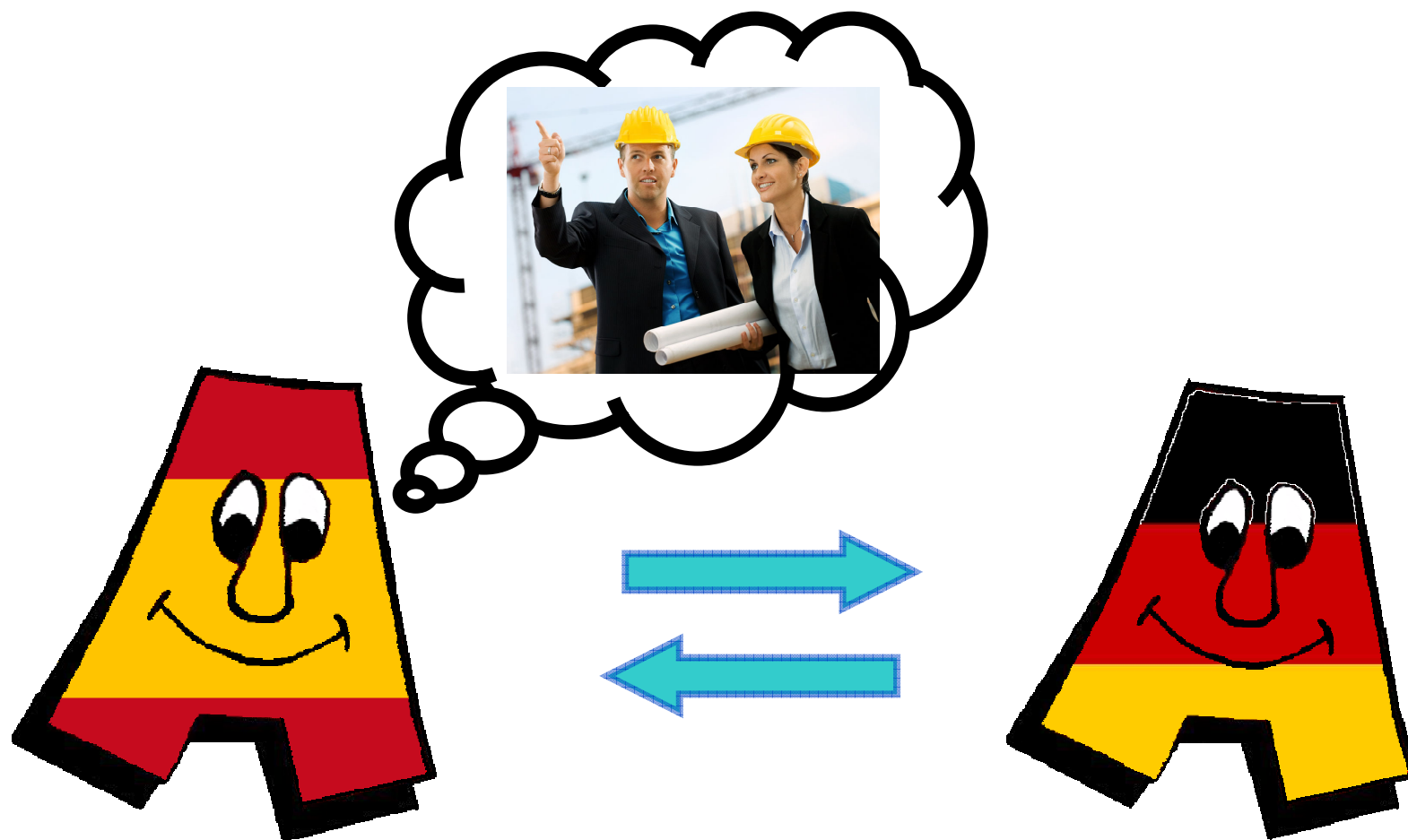
Article 8 - Administrative cooperation

Article 50 - Documentation and formalities

Article 56 - Competent Authorities

- **Services Directive (2006/123/EC)**
Articles 28-36

2. How does IMI work?



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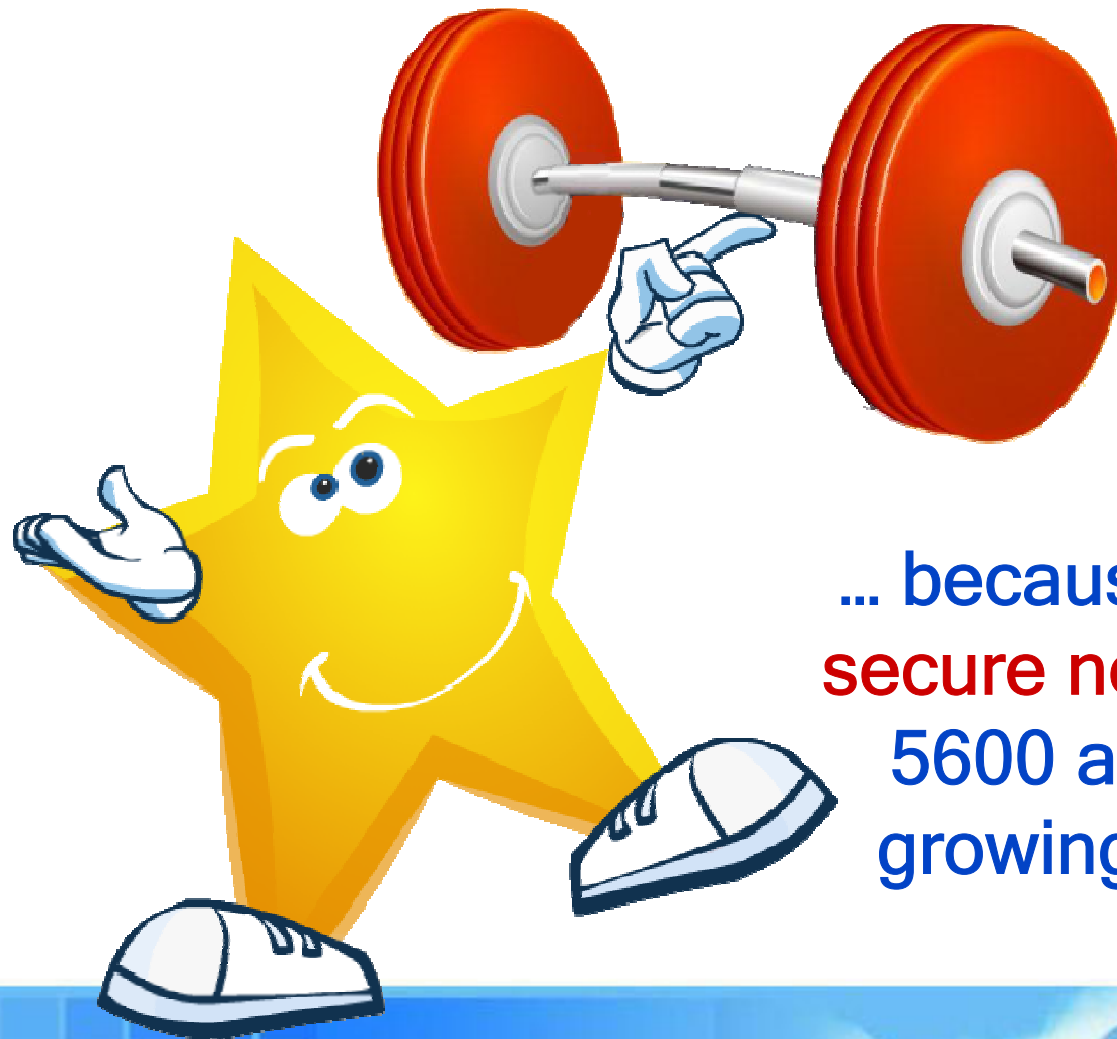
2. How does IMI work?



IMI addresses the following problems:

- Language barriers - 23 official EU languages
- Lack of clearly identified partners in other Member States
- Different administrative structures and cultures
- Lack of administrative procedures for crossborder cooperation
- Management of 351 bilateral relationships in EU-27

IMI is a star...



... because it is a **strong and secure network** of more than 5600 authorities and it is growing bigger every day

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European Commission Internal Market Information System

Access to the system through the IMI website

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- Important documents
- Training on IMI
- Data protection
- Useful links
- Contact IMI

What's new

Version 2.0 of IMI is online

The European Commission has released [Version 2.0](#) of the IMI system. The new version fully supports the "alert mechanism" introduced by the Services Directive (2006/123/EC).

The alert mechanism requires Member States to inform each other when they become aware of service providers who could cause serious damage to people's health or safety or to the environment. Version 2.0 of IMI also introduces improvements to the authority search function and to authority data management.

New IMI brochure now available in all languages

The new IMI brochure has arrived! It explains on just a few pages and in simple terms how IMI works, in which areas it is used and how to register. The brochure is mainly intended for competent authorities throughout the European Economic Area who do not know about IMI yet, but might need to use it.

It exists in all languages in an electronic version that you can [download here](#) and in a paper version.

If you know of competent authorities for whom IMI might be of interest and would like to send them a paper copy of the brochure, please contact your country's [national IMI coordinator](#).

IMI brochure:

bg cs da de el en es fr it lv
lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv

Access to IMI

If you are a registered user of the Internal Market Information System (IMI), please click here to access the system.

[ACCESS TO IMI](#)

IMI training system

The IMI Training Version is a tool provided for training new users of IMI. If you are a registered user of the Training System, please click here.

[TRAINING SYSTEM](#)

IMI video

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Local intranet 100%

IMI - Windows Internet Explorer

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/imi-net/

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Comisión Europea
Sistema de información del mercado interior

IM NET

Aviso jurídico importante
español (es)

EUROPA > Comisión Europea > Mercado Interior > IMI

Dirección de contacto | Búsqueda en EUROPA

Identificación de entrada

Nombre de usuario

Contraseña

[¿Ha olvidado la contraseña?](#)

Conexión

[Declaración de confidencialidad](#)



Access only with
username,
password and
security code

IMI is a star...



... because it **bridges**
communication gaps.

IMI contains pre-
translated
questions and answers
and, for
some language pairs,
machine
translation.

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[Buscar](#) > [Buscar autoridad competente](#)

Lista de autoridades

Seleccionar uno o varios criterios de búsqueda

Criterios de búsqueda principales

País

Texto libre

Permite buscar la designación no oficial, palabras clave, sectores económicos, políticas y funciones de una autoridad dentro del sistema. La búsqueda solo proporciona resultados exactos y reconoce los caracteres especiales. Introduzca exclusivamente una palabra o término en el idioma de esta pantalla.

Criterios de búsqueda complementarios

Nombre

Población

[Buscar autoridad](#)

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Resultados de la búsqueda [17 registros - Página 1 de 2]

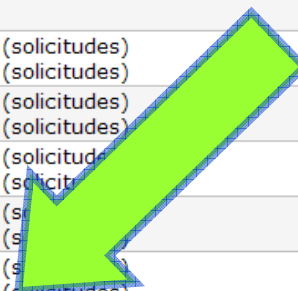
Nombre	Designación no oficial	País	Ámbito legislativo /	
Behörde für Stadtentwicklung und Umwelt Hamburg	Autoridad de desarrollo urbano y medio ambiente (Hamburgo)	Alemania	PQ DIMIC Coordinador de la sol SD DIMIC Coordinador de la sol SD DIMIC Coordinador de la alerta	
Architektenkammer Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	Colegio de Arquitectos de Mecklemburgo-Pomerania Occidental	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Architektenkammer Baden-Württemberg	Colegio de Arquitectos de Baden-Württemberg	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Bayerische Architektenkammer	Colegio de Arquitectos de Baviera	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Architektenkammer Berlin	Colegio de Arquitectos de Berlín	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Brandenburgische Architektenkammer	Colegio de Arquitectos de Brandenburgo	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Architektenkammer der Freien Hansestadt Bremen	Colegio de Arquitectos de Bremen	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Hamburgische Architektenkammer	Colegio de Arquitectos de Hamburgo	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Architektenkammer Nordrhein-Westfalen	Colegio de Arquitectos de Renania del Norte-Westfalia	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir
Architektenkammer Rheinland-Pfalz Körperschaft des öffentlichen Rechts	Colegio de Arquitectos de Renania-Palatinado	Alemania	PQ CA Autoridad (solicitudes) SD CA Autoridad (solicitudes)	Abrir



Registros por página

Ir a la página

Search for an authority in your own language





Select the question
you want to ask in
your own language

- + Questions to identify the profession
- + Questions related to the professional
- Questions to identify the qualification
 - + Third country diplomas
 - + Holder of qualification
 - + Acquired rights
 - Training followed

☐ Is the education and training leading to the profession of [architect] regulated in your territory? [Link](#)

Question comments

en ▼

☐ Is []* the academic title conferred on [Ms. Jessica MEYER] in your territory for the profession of [architect] ? [Link](#)

Question comments

en ▼

☐ When was the diploma []* for the profession of [architect] held by [Ms. Jessica MEYER] awarded?

Question comments

en ▼

☐ When did [Ms. Jessica MEYER] start the training for the obtention of the diploma []* for the profession of [architect]?

Question comments

en ▼

☐ Is []* the abbreviated form for the academic title []* conferred on [Ms. Jessica MEYER] in [architect] ? [Link](#)

Question comments

en ▼

- + Questions regarding professional experience
- + Questions regarding the exercise of the profession

2. How does IMI work?



Request overview Request management **Attachment**

Request attachment [Hide translations](#)

Name en Diploma Ms Meyer *

File C:\Documents and Settings Browse... *

Questions [Hide translations](#)

When entering free text please indicate the language you are using in the dropdown next to the text box. If possible use a language which is understood by the Responding Authority. The Responding Authority has indicated that it understands the following languages: Deutsch (de), English (en)

Levels Main categories Sub categories All questions

Questions about the attached document

- Third country diplomas
- Acquired rights
- File for recognition
- Training followed
- Identification of the profession

☒ When was the attached document awarded?

Question comments There are two dates on the diploma. Which one is correct? en

☐ Is [Ms. Jessica MEYER] the lawful holder of the attached document?

Question comments en

You can add attachments and ask a question about them

2. How does IMI work?



Anfragedatenblatt
Anfragebehandlung
Anlage

Anlage zur Anfrage

Name
Diploma Ms Meyer en Übersetzung ins nl fr el it pt es
Diplom Frau Meyer - de

Datei
Öffnen -

Fragen

Bei der Eingabe von Freitext geben Sie bitte im Aufklappmenü neben dem Textfeld die Sprache an, die bei der anfragenden Behörde verstanden wird. Die anfragende Behörde hat angegeben, dass bei ihr folgende Sprachen verstanden werden:: español (es)

Fragen zum beigefügten Dokument
1. Wann wurde das beigefügte Schriftstück ausgestellt?
Kommentare zu Fragen

There are two dates on the diploma. Which one is correct? en Übersetzung ins nl el it pt
Es gibt zwei Daten auf dem Diplom. Welches eines ist korrekt? - de
Il y a deux dates sur le diplôme. Lequel est-il correct ? - fr
Hay dos fechas en el diploma. ¿Qué es correcto? - es

Antwort
03/05/2009

Kommentare zu Antworten

Kommentare

Bei der Eingabe von Freitext geben Sie bitte eine Sprache, die bei der anfragenden Behörde verstanden werden:: español (es)

Bei der Eingabe von Freitext geben Sie bitte eine Sprache, die Sie benutzen. Verwenden Sie nach Möglichkeit die Sprache, die bei der anfragenden Behörde angegeben, dass bei ihr folgende Sprachen

The responding authority sees the question in its language and replies to it

2. IMI offers machine translation for free text



Questions regarding the exercise of the profession

Right to pursue a profession

1. Which age range and which subjects can be taught by the migrant [Ms. Tiia MOORES]?

Attachments

[Hide translations](#)

Name

Comments

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Comments	User	Date
<p>It is possible to translate free text entered in several languages. This is because IMI is linked to the machine translation service of the European Commission</p> <p>Es posible traducir el texto libre inscrito en varias lenguas. Esto es porque la IMI está ligada al servicio de traducción automática de la Comisión Europea - es</p> <p>Il est possible de traduire le texte libre introduit dans plusieurs langues. Cela est parce que l'IMI est liée au service de traduction automatique de la Commission européenne - fr</p> <p>Είναι δυνατό να μεταφραστεί το ελεύθερο κείμενο που εισάγεται σε διάφορες γλώσσες. Αυτό είναι επειδή imi συνδέεται με την υπηρεσία αυτόματης μετάφρασης της Ευρωπαϊκής Επιτροπής - el</p>	<p>Translate into nl pt de it</p> <p>AUTHORITY Test</p>	<p>21/11/2008</p>

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IMI is a star...



... because it **blends into** any existing administrative structure.

IMI offers maximum flexibility to allow Member States to mirror their internal structures.

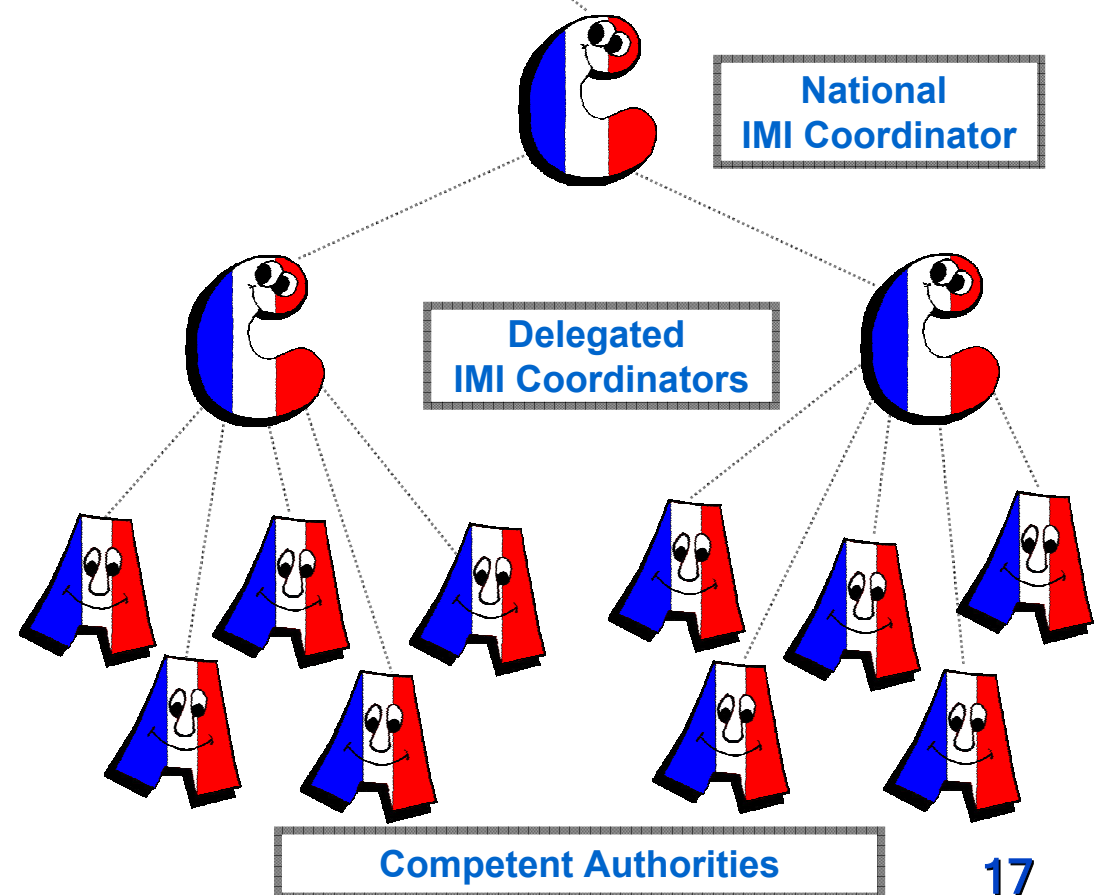
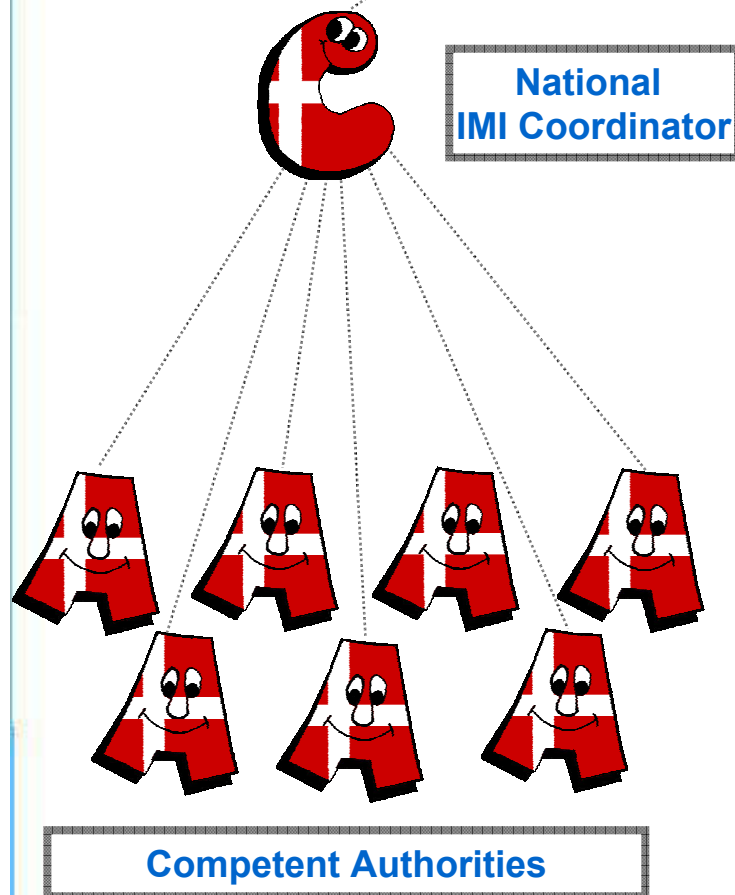
2. Flexible and transparent organisation



European Commission (IMI Administration and Helpdesk)

Member State 1

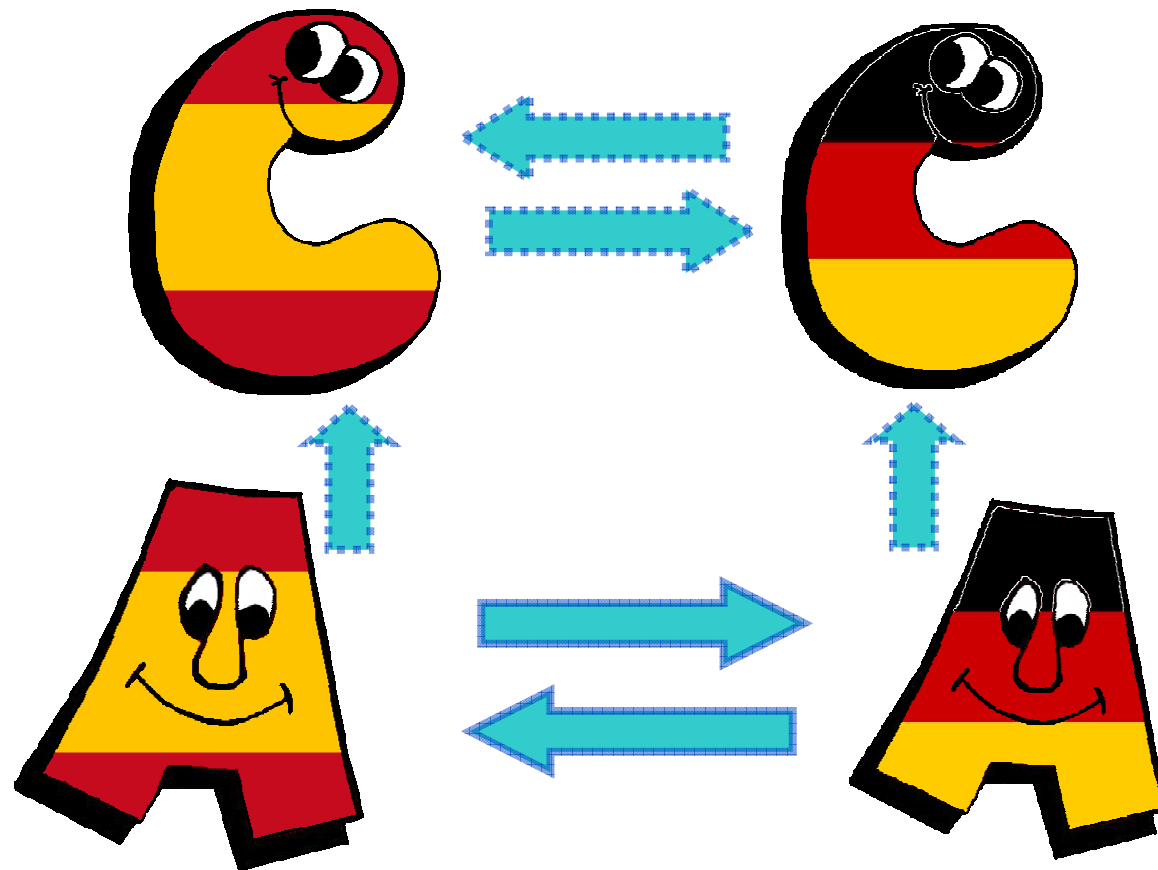
Member State 2



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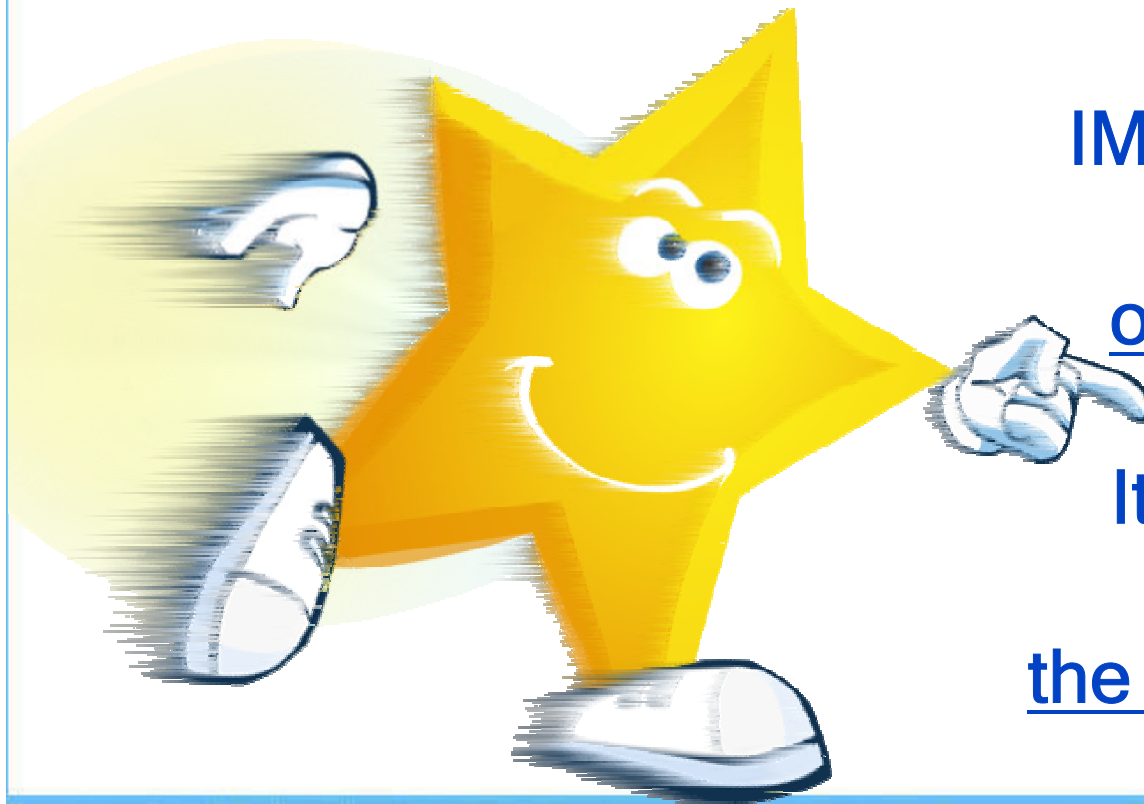
IMI coordinators can intervene in case of disagreement



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... because it **speeds up**
procedures.



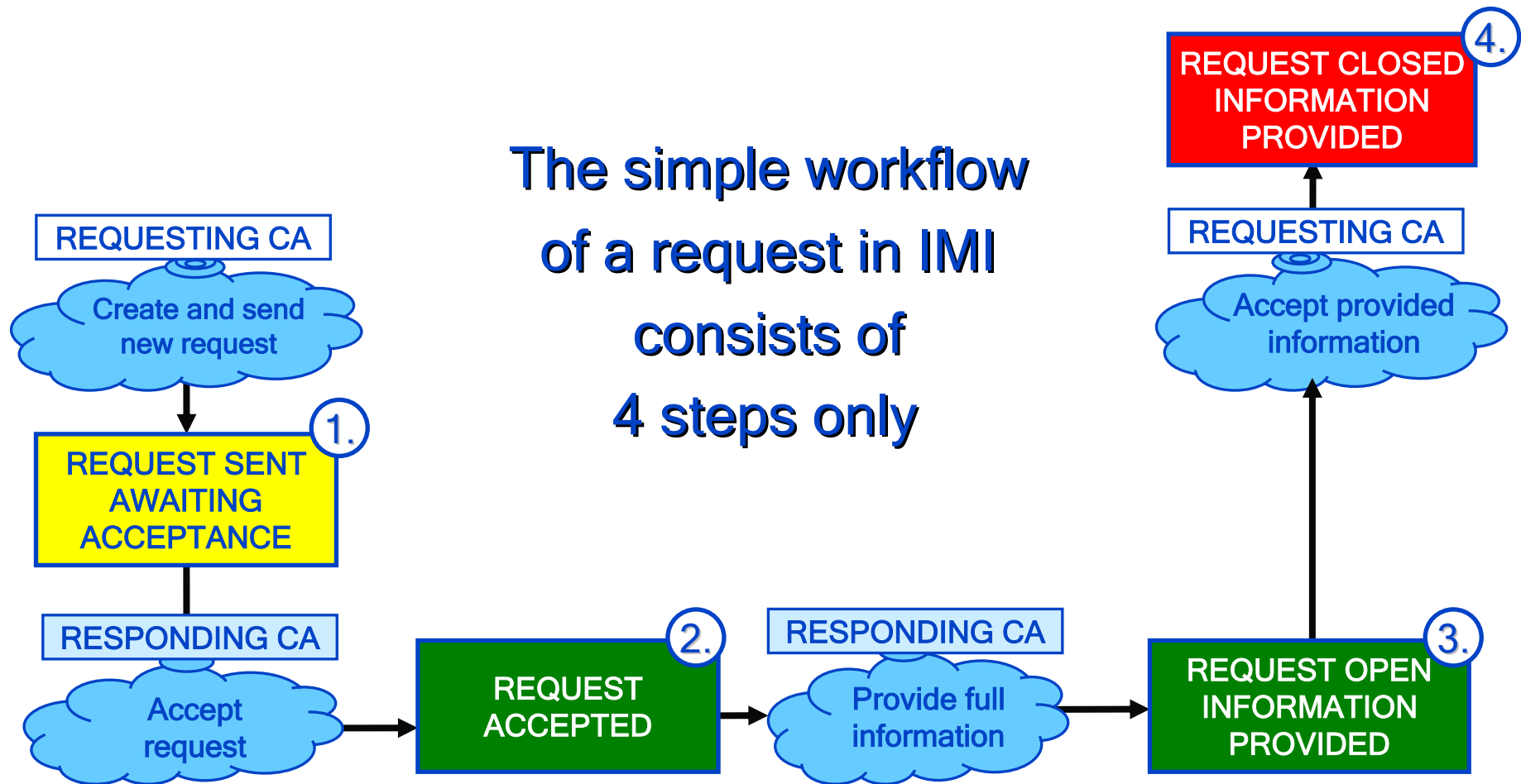
IMI allows authorities to
agree
on deadlines for their
requests.

It also allows them to
monitor
the status of their request.

2. The flow of information for a request in IMI



The simple workflow
of a request in IMI
consists of
4 steps only




Choose Competent Authority
Enter Request Details

Question Set Selection







Question set Questions concerning permanent establishment

Indicative date for reply

Indicative date for reply 10 days *

Details of the professional

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Profession	architect  *
Title	Ms.  *
First Name	Jessica *
Surname	Meyer *
Nationality	German  *
Place of birth	Bremen *
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	20/05/1976  *
Country	Spain  *
Region / Area	
Town	Lloret de Vistalegre *
Postcode	07518 *
Street and number	Calle de Major *
E-mail	
Justification for the request	 * <div> Reasonable and justified doubts about the authenticity of the document Reasonable and justified doubts about the situation of the migrating professional Need for further details following the submission of a complete file by the migrating professional Other </div>

Save draft
Cancel

Propose a
deadline for
the reply

2. How does IMI work?



Track the progress
of your request
by checking the
list of requests

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View Lists > List requests > All requests sent and received by my authority

All requests sent and received by my authority

Search within the list

Request list [2 Items]

Request nr.	Legislative area	Question set	Status	Due date
14462 From Spain - BXL Training Ex1 10 To Germany - Architekten- und Ingenieurkammer Schleswig-Holstein	Professional Qualifications	Questions concerning permanent establishment Your role: Request handler	Request open - information provided	Due date 13/06/2010 Send date 03/06/2010 Open request
14461 From Spain - BXL Training Ex1 10 To Germany - Architekten- und Ingenieurkammer Schleswig-Holstein	Professional Qualifications	Questions concerning permanent establishment Your role: Request handler	Request closed - information provided	Due date 13/06/2010 Send date 03/06/2010 Open request

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3. Some statistics about IMI

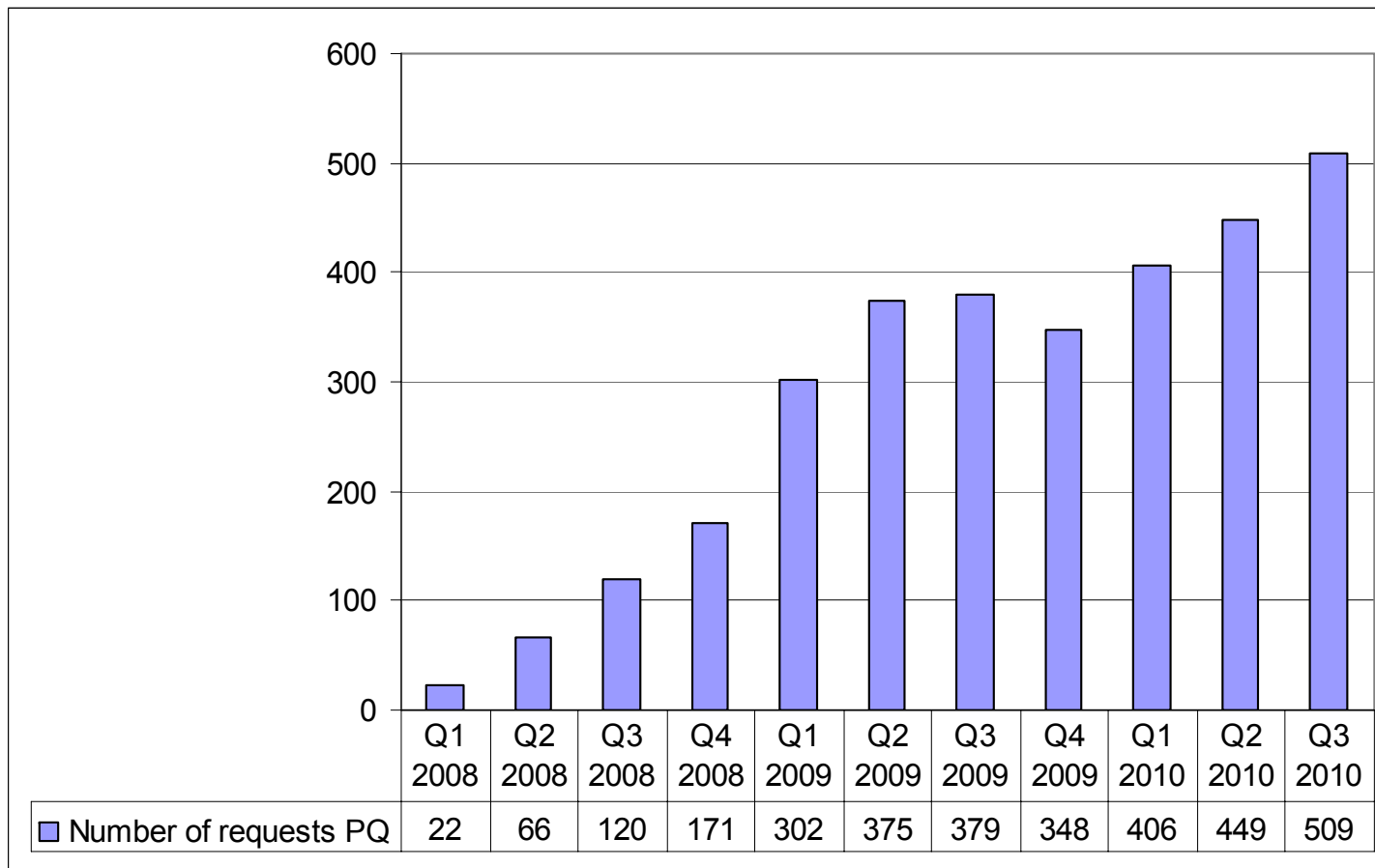


- Number of authorities registered: 5618
- Number of information exchanges so far
 - Professional Qualifications: 2638
 - Services Directive: 123
- Requests replied to within 2 weeks: 60%

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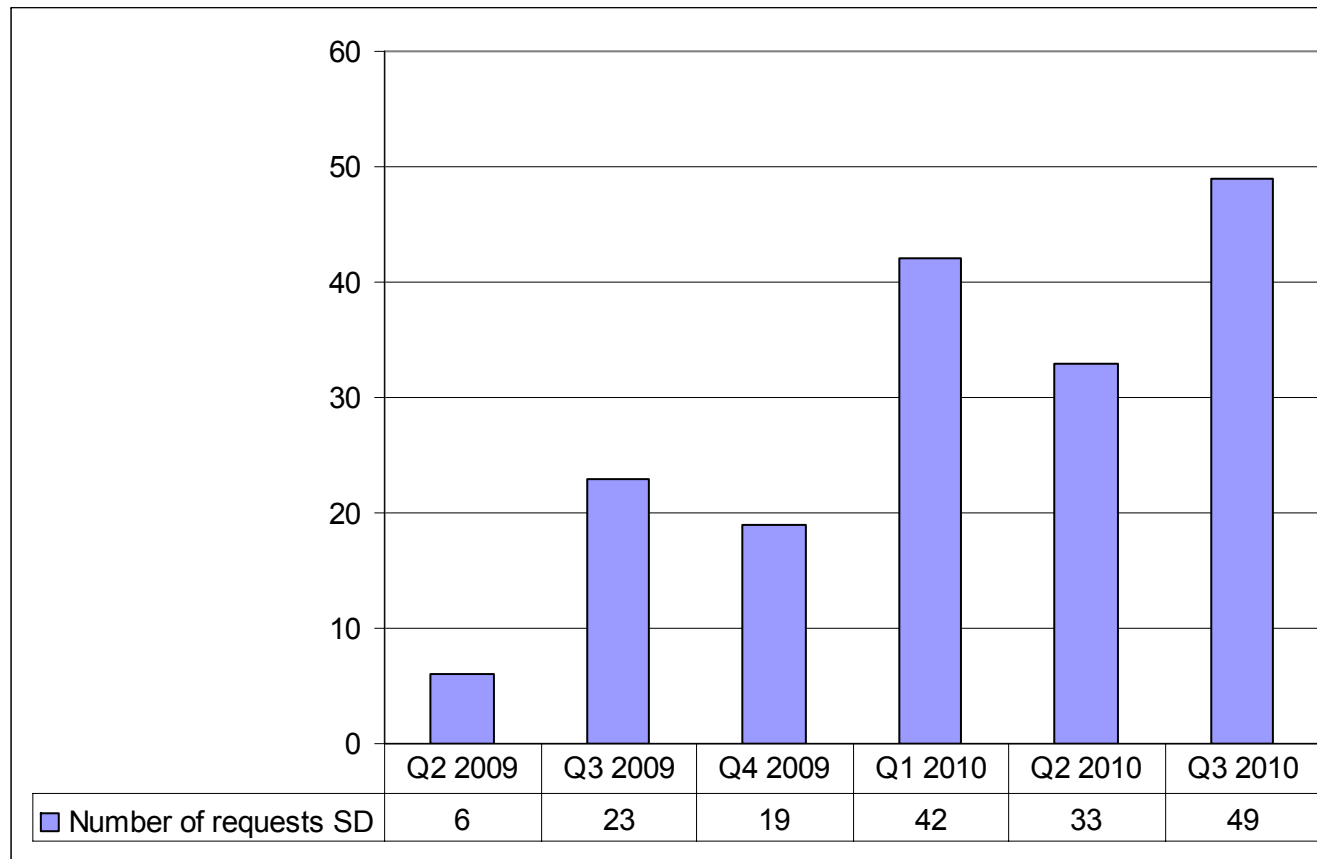
Number of information exchanges under the Professional Qualifications Directive



3. Some statistics about IMI



Number of information exchanges under the Services Directive





What users say

In the past, we sometimes had to wait for 3 months to receive an answer. With IMI, it is 2 days.

Sign up today! IMI is extremely simple to use and you won't regret your decision.

I'm glad that we have moved on from the rather hit and miss approach of firing off letters to colleagues in other countries with no guarantee of a reply.



For further information or any question, please
contact:

markt-imi@ec.europa.eu

or consult the IMI website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/imi-net>



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