



European Health professionals
Competent Authorities

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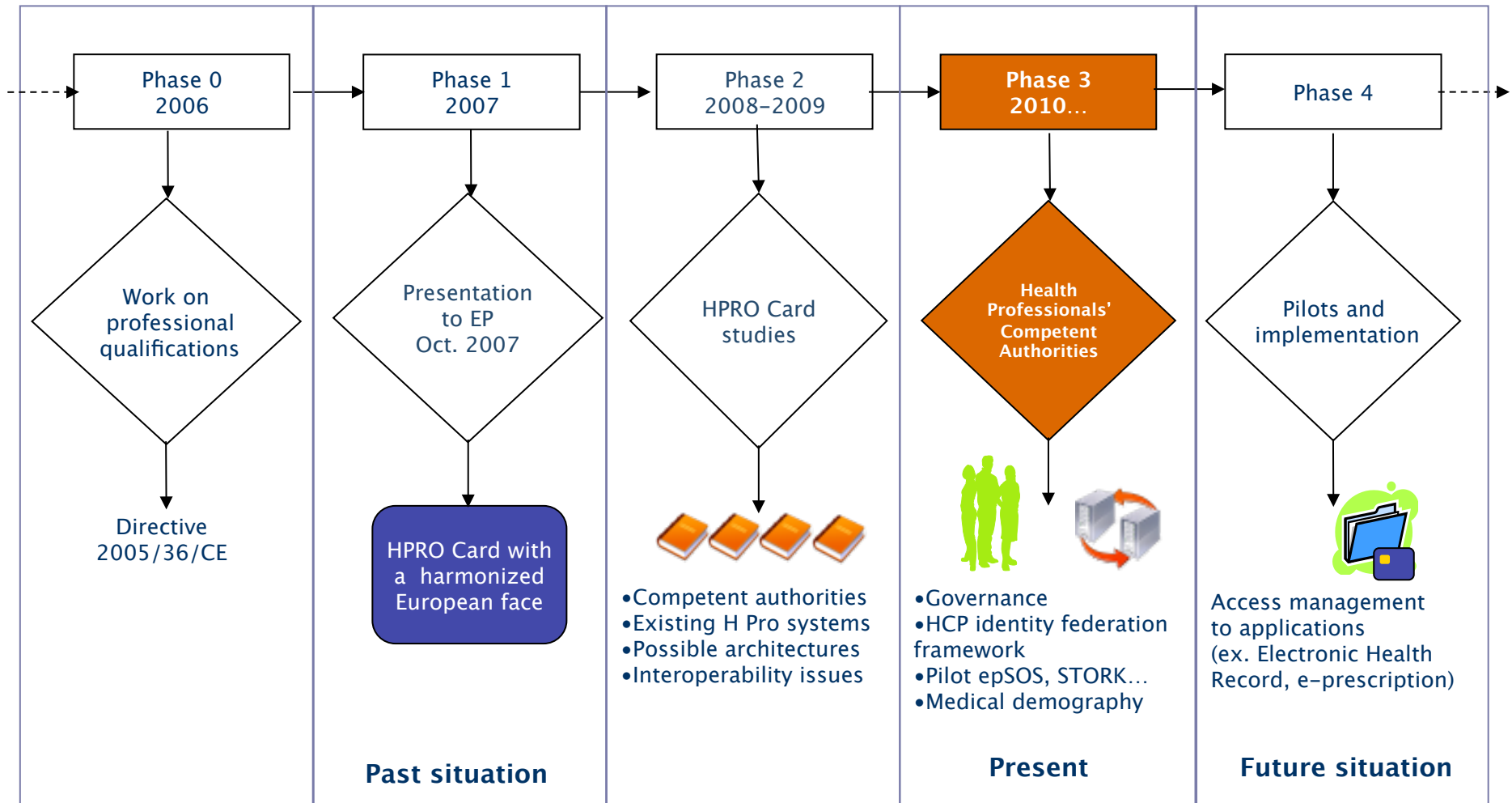
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Historical context



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Context



- A regulatory environment: the EU Directive 2005/36 which establishes the equivalence of some qualifications in Europe
 - Including in health : Doctors, Pharmacists, Dentists, Nurses, Midwives
 - Definition of "competent authority"
- 893 competent authorities in Europe :
 - Registration and verification of diplomas and/or
 - Registration of sanctions

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Context



- Different procedures of registration,
- Different documents to provide,
- Different repositories,
- Different statutes of professionals recorded in these repositories,
 - For example : active or not, sanctioned or not...

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The needs for the professionals

- To facilitate the recognition of the identity and the professional qualifications from abroad :
 - To simplify the administrative processes for the installation and service provision,
 - To secure the patient,
- To access applications and online services which need :
 - authentication (proof of the identity and professional qualifications)
 - or an electronic signature (proof of the commitment of responsibility),
- To improve the knowledge on health professionals' flows and demography.

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The needs for the professionals



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The existing works

- The European Association of competent authorities of the 5 Professions:
 - Agreement of 21 countries during the plenary meeting in Athens (Oct. 2009),
 - Statutes written by a working group (BE, FR, IE, IT, LU, RO),
 - First Meeting and General Assembly (Sept 21, 2011).
 - Creation of the Association (June 1, 2012)
- National and European projects which need a solution to recognize and provide access to health professionals other EU countries,
 - epSOS, STORK, Calliope...
- Work at a national scale :
 - E.g. in France : “RPPS”, répertoire partagé des professionnels de santé (health professionals' sharing repository)
 - Joint work between WHO, OECD and Eurostat to develop a common semantic language for the collection of information on medical demographics.

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Meeting with WHO (April 2010, 2011 and May 2012)

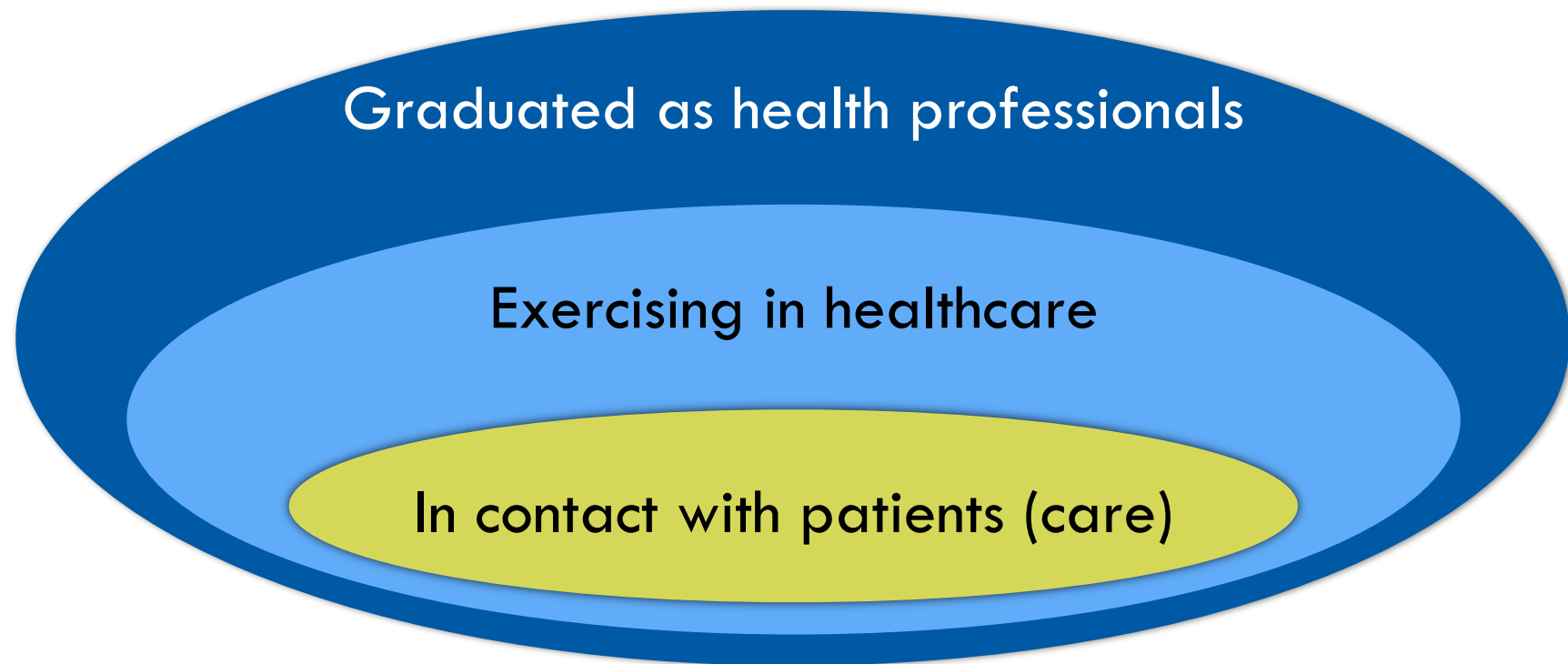
- Before 2010: different sources of information, different points of views and different figures
 - WHO: Ministries of health
 - OECD
 - Eurostat
- Since 2010: same collection of data based on:
 - ISCO International Standard Classification of Occupations
 - ISIC International Standard Classification of Industry
 - ISCED International Standard Classification of Education
 - Common definitions

Data are still heterogeneous but it generates the good questions and allows a better communication with the Member States to improve this data collection

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- WHO's focus on:



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European Health professionals' Competent Authorities

- **Founding Members:**
 - Ministère de la Santé (BE),
 - Ordre national des pharmaciens (BE),
 - Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Union (BG),
 - Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Enfermería (ES),
 - Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Farmaceuticos España (ES),
 - Conseil national de l'Ordre des pharmaciens (FR),
 - Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (IE),
 - Malta Pharmacy Council (MT),
 - Naczelna Izba Aptekarska (PL),
 - Ordem dos Farmaceuticos (PT),
 - Colegiul Medicilor din România (RO).
- **Observer Members:**
 - EFN (European Federation of Nurses Associations),
 - PGEU (Pharmaceutical group of the European union),
 - CEPLIS (European Council of the Liberal Professions).

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Potential actions of the association



- Health professional's databases interchange,
- Competent Authorities' register,
- Participation to the revision of the Directive 2005/36,
- Participation to the EC European professional card group,
- Relationships between the association and other organisations (e.g. EC, EHTEL, WHO...),
- Participation to European projects (e.g. epSOS...)
- Preparation of calls for proposals and their response,
- ...

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First actions

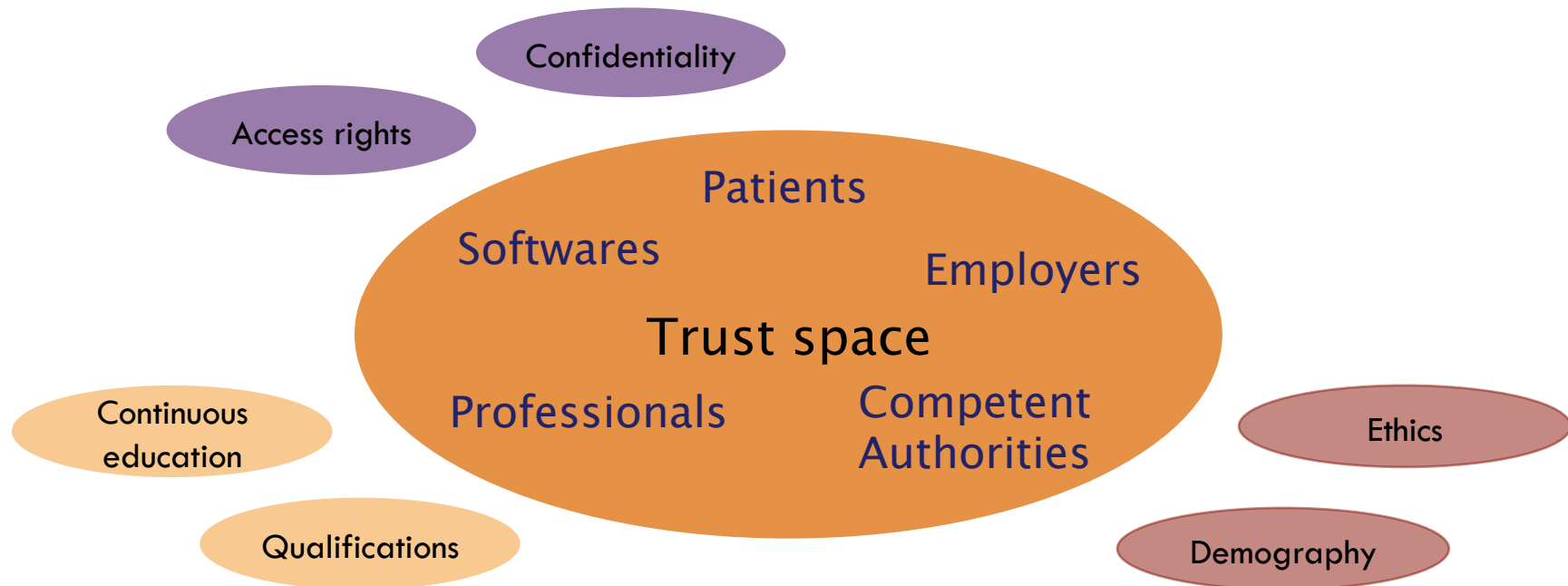


- An inventory - destined for the European Commission - of existing identification/authentication tools for health professionals (chip cards, eID cards, plastic or paper documents).
- Participation to the consultation on the revision of Directive 2005/36, in the form of a position paper on: Partial access, Language controls and Professional cards.
- A white book on Health professionals' repositories

Health professionals' databases interchange

The objective

Patient, employers, professionals, competent authorities ... are confident in the way the EU is managing the personal (medical) and the professional data

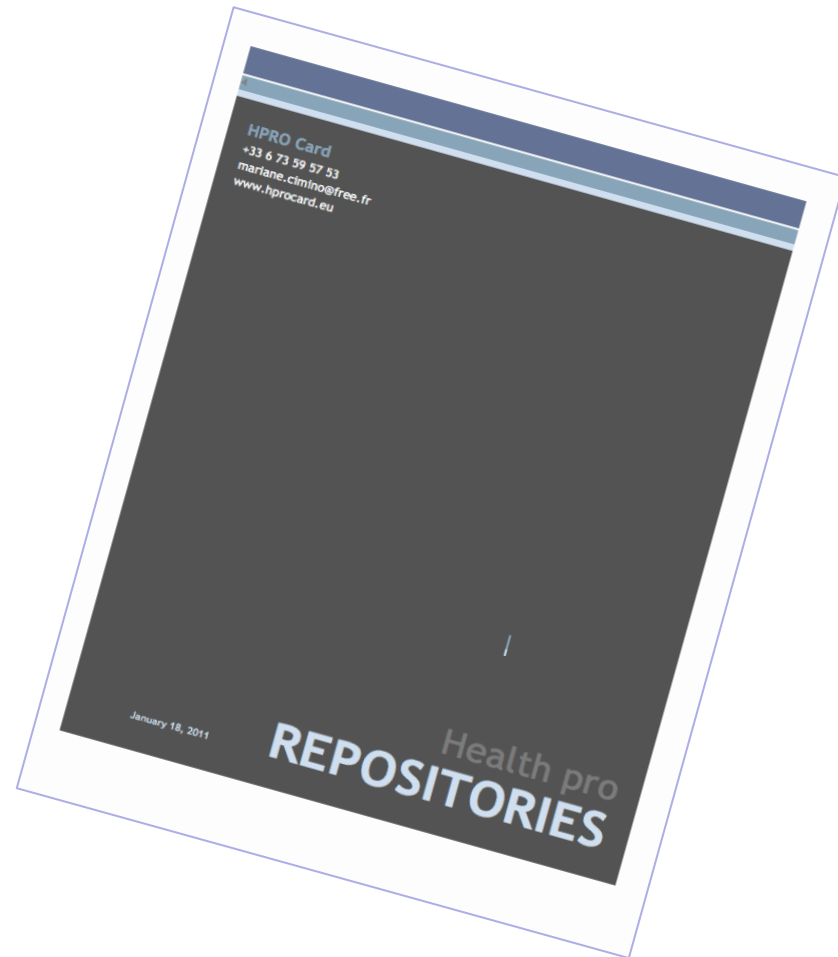


Health professionals' databases interchange

The white book

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