

The last meeting of Annik Lambert and Mony Elkaïm with the European Commission took place on January 30th, 2007, the most important points of discussion were:

- Concept of « compensation » :

This means that the EAP has to compare the levels of national requirements. The Commission asked to identify the lowest level of training required by Member States (for regulated or not-regulated countries) as a starting point. From this point a set of compensations has to be established between this low level and the requirements of the more demanding national regimes.

- The Commission asked for a justification that the initiative is really needed and that there are psychotherapists who want to migrate through Europe and face problems. The EAP now has to collect data on specific cases where psychotherapists faced difficulties (e.g. that their training was not accepted, they were forced to do attend a disproportionate additional training, etc) when they wanted to migrate or where psychotherapists decided not to move because of these difficulties. Annik asked the member organisations of the EAP to send out e-mails asking for candidates who faced problems when they wanted to migrate.

- The Commission asked for an evidence that the EAP represents psychotherapists at European level.

- The EAP has to present a clear and precise definition on the profession which also states the differences to other professions.