

DECISIONS ADOPTED JOINTLY BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE
COUNCIL

DECISION No 1065/2008/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 22 October 2008

**repealing Council Decision 85/368/EEC on the comparability of vocational training qualifications
between the Member States of the European Community**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Community, and in particular Article 150(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and
Social Committee ⁽¹⁾,

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in
Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

(1) Community policies on better regulation stress the
importance of the simplification of national and
Community legislation as a crucial element in
improving the competitiveness of undertakings and in
achieving the objectives of the Lisbon Agenda.

(2) Implementation of Council Decision 85/368/EEC ⁽³⁾ has
not been effective in achieving the comparability of voca-
tional qualifications for the benefit of workers seeking
employment in another Member State.

(3) The methods and approach used to describe and
compare qualifications provided for in Decision
85/368/EEC differ from those currently applied in
education and training systems.

(4) Decision 85/368/EEC is superseded by the adoption of
the Recommendation of the European Parliament and of
the Council of 23 April 2008 on the establishment of
the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong
learning ⁽⁴⁾.

(5) Decision 85/368/EEC should therefore be repealed,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 85/368/EEC shall be repealed.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the 20th day following
its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 22 October 2008.

For the European Parliament

The President

H.-G. PÖTTERING

For the Council

The President

J.-P. JOUYET

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 162, 25.6.2008, p. 90.

⁽²⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 20 May 2008 (not yet
published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of
25 September 2008.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 199, 31.7.1985, p. 56.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 111, 6.5.2008, p. 1.