ECJ 3 March 2022, case C-590/20 (Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri e.a. (Médecins spécialistes en formation)), Free Movement, Work and Residence Permit

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri and Others – v – UK, IG and others, Italian case

Summary

Medical students who started their training before directive 82/76 was adopted (29 January 1982) and continued with this training after the directive came into force (1 January 1983) are entitled to appropriate remuneration for this training, provided that the training meets the applicable criteria.

Question

Are Article 2(1)(c) and Article 3(1) and (2) of Directive 75/363 as amended, together with the annex thereto, to be interpreted as meaning that any full-time or part-time specialist medical training begun before the entry into force, on 29 January 1982, of Directive 82/76 and continued after the expiry, on 1 January 1983, of the period prescribed for the transposition of that directive must be subject to appropriate remuneration within the meaning of that annex, and, second, must such appropriate remuneration, in that case, be paid for the entire period of training or only from that date of expiry onwards?

Ruling

Article 2(1)(c) and Article 3(1) and (2) of Council Directive 75/363/EEC of 16 June 1975 concerning the coordination of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in respect of activities of doctors, as amended by Council Directive 82/76/EEC of 26 January 1982, as well as the annex thereto, must be interpreted as meaning that any full-time or part-time specialist medical training begun before the entry into force, on 29 January 1982, of Directive 82/76 and continued after the expiry, on 1 January 1983, of the period prescribed for the transposition of that directive must,

in respect of the period of that training running from 1 January 1983 until the end of that training, be subject to appropriate remuneration within the meaning of that annex, provided that that training concerns a medical specialty which is common to all the Member States or to two or more of them and is mentioned in Article 5 or Article 7 of Council Directive 75/362/EEC of 16 June 1975 concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in medicine, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services.

ECJ 3 March 2022, case C-634/20 (Sosiaali- ja terveysalan lupa- ja valvontavirasto), Free Movement, Work and Residence Permit

A – v – Sosiaali- ja terveysalan lupa- ja valvontavirasto, Finnish case

Summary

The UK may not impose requirements to be a doctor on a person if he possesses all formal qualifications, except for a minor certificate, as the imposed requirements are not proportionate.

Question

Must Articles 45 and 49 TFEU be interpreted as precluding the competent authority of the host Member State from granting, on the basis of national legislation, a person a right to pursue the profession of doctor which is limited to a period of three years and subject to the twofold condition, first, that the person concerned may practise only under the direction and supervision of a licensed doctor and, second, that he or she must successfully complete three years of special training in general medical practice during the same period in order to obtain authorisation to pursue the profession of doctor independently in the host Member State, taking account of the fact that the person concerned, who has obtained an undergraduate degree in medicine in the home Member State, holds the evidence of formal qualifications, with regard to the United Kingdom, referred to in point 5.1.1 of Annex V to Directive 2005/36, but not the certificate referred to therein attesting to the completion of