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- 1- The so called *Liberal* Professions are in these days suffering from a misleading designation.
- 2- I believe the EU should reconsider and stand up to their purposes, their characteristics and what differenciates them in terms of public interest.
- 3- I propose a reformed designation for the Liberal Professions : **Social Regulated Professions (SRP) .**
- 4- This concept is in line with one essential aspect : some professions are sustained by the high level of technic and scientific knowledge that they demand.
- **5-** Only this truth reveals the essence of the public trust as a consequence of the need both for security and quality.
- 6- This new concept also considers the globalisation process, since we all know liberal professionals are most of the times under the umbrella of corporations, enterprise or other several forms of practice/ labour.
- 7- In terms of influence, I believe that such Professions will be able to come up to the agenda once their are focused on major political worldwide topics.
- **8-** This is the case of the major themes of Eurostat participation, for instance: inovation, information, science, training.
- 9- If we keep in mind the need for data around these topics it is my belief that a natural born definition of such Professions will arise as needed to help the group meet challenges it faces.
- 10- Also, bringing the awareness about their importance to the economy and the society that has to become a fact.

Therefore, beyond Liberal they are Social Regulated.