Description:

With respect to Investment liberalisation – Market access, National treatment:

In **BG**: Privately funded primary and secondary education services may only be supplied by authorised Bulgarian enterprises (commercial presence is required). Bulgarian kindergartens and schools having foreign participation may be established or transformed at the request of associations, or corporations, or enterprises of Bulgarian and foreign natural or legal entities, duly registered in Bulgaria, by decision of the Council of Ministers on a motion by the Minister of Education, Youth and Science. Foreign owned kindergartens and schools may be established or transformed at the request of foreign legal entities in accordance with international agreements and conventions and under the provisions above. Foreign high schools cannot establish subsidiaries in the territory of Bulgaria. Foreign high schools may open faculties, departments, institutes and colleges in Bulgaria only within the structure of Bulgarian high schools and in cooperation with them (CPC 921, 922).

In **SI**: Privately funded elementary schools may be founded by Slovenian natural or legal persons only. The service supplier must establish a registered office or branch office (CPC 921).

With respect to Investment liberalisation – Market access:

In **CZ** and **SK**: Establishment in a Member State of the European Union required to apply for state approval to operate as a privately funded higher education institution. This reservation does not apply to secondary technical and vocational education services (CZ CPC 92390, SK CPC 92).

In **ES** and **IT**: An authorisation is required in order to open a privately funded university which issues recognised diplomas or degrees. An economic needs test is applied. Main criteria: population and density of existing establishments.

In **ES**: The procedure involves obtaining the advice of the Parliament.

In **IT**: This is based on a three year programme and only Italian juridical persons may be authorised to issue state-recognised diplomas (CPC 923).