We are academic lawyers at the University of Aberdeen. We are also qualified solicitors in Scotland (now both non-practising solicitors). In addition, we have knowledge of the insolvency practitioners profession because of our research interests in insolvency law.

In the areas of law and insolvency, whilst transferable skills are valuable and can be recognised across borders, there is also a need for knowledge in relation to specific subject areas which ordinarily correspond to national systems of law and/or insolvency. As a result, there has to be some test of competence in specific areas rather than simple recognition across jurisdictions without testing or determining competence in law or insolvency matters in a particular jurisdiction.
Please let us know anything you think we need to understand regarding how accessible the regulatory system is within the sectors in which you have particular interest or expertise.

The current systems in law and insolvency as regards recognition are probably as accessible as they can reasonably be at the present time, given the need to ensure subject specific competence.

Please let us know anything you think we need to understand regarding the extent to which the regulatory system is proportionate and/or offers good value for money (for all stakeholders) within the sectors in which you have particular interest or expertise.

See our answer to the previous question.

Please let us know anything you think we need to understand regarding how effectively the regulatory system serves public interests within the sectors in which you have particular interest or expertise.

It is generally accepted that the kind of regulation we have in law and insolvency is designed to protect the public, by making sure the people undertaking the work are properly qualified and competent and abide by appropriate ethical and professional standards. We are of the view that the current regulatory systems generally fulfil these requirements.