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Social Europe



Social security in the EU: what are your rights?

Are you thinking about moving to another European country? If so, you will be pleased to know that your social security rights, and those of your family, are protected. The EU coordinates social security systems to make sure that you don't miss out on your entitlements, whether you're moving within Europe^[1] for work,

study, retirement, to look for a job – or just a holiday. EU rules cover your healthcare, pension, unemployment, family and other social security benefits, giving you peace of mind wherever you go. What's more, new rules have been developed to ensure you are provided with better information and services.

Visit this website to find out more about your social security rights: <http://ec.europa.eu/social-security-coordination>^[2].



What's on the site?

Your social security rights when moving within Europe

Your rights

Finding out what will happen to your social security benefits when you move is just a click away. Everything you need to know is clearly explained on the website, which also provides a set of frequently asked questions (FAQ).

Your rights country by country

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There isn't a single European social security scheme – instead EU rules coordinate national systems. The website provides the information you need concerning your rights in each country.

Find a social security institution

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A directory of all European institutions that deal with social security coordination is available. You can search by country or by using keywords such as 'pensions', 'sickness', 'unemployment', 'family benefits'...

Specialised information on social security coordination

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People who need more technical information – including lawyers, researchers, administrators and charity workers – can tap into the latest legal texts, documents and expert reports.



Still need help?

Need more help?

Get direct access to one of the EU problem solving tools. Send an enquiry or ask for legal advice on your case directly through an online form.



News and publications

News bulletins and video features will keep you up to date. Plus, you can download our handy guide on social security, along with other publications.

[1] Social security coordination rules apply within the 27 countries which are members of the European Union (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), as well as in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

[2] Available in 22 European languages.

For more information on moving within Europe

Use the European Jobs Network, EURES, to look for a job. Around one million job vacancies are published online and over 800 specialist advisers provide guidance on everything to do with working in Europe.

Visit <http://ec.europa.eu/eures>

The Your Europe portal provides practical information on citizens' rights and opportunities in the EU. It focuses on real-life, cross-border issues such as work, buying and selling, education, residency and vehicle formalities.

Visit <http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope>



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