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# Welcome

**Workshop 1 (Newsroom)**

**New paradigms for (viable) coordination of social security**

## *Your hosts*

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# Prof. Herwig Verschueren

*Central question:*

***How can we make the instrument of social security coordination future-proof?***

## Currently underlying principles of social security coordination (1):

- **Facilitating and even promoting free movement**
  - *Issue of possible reverse discrimination*
- **Avoiding positive and negative conflicts of law**
  - *Unicity of legislation applicable*
  - *Binding effect of the conflict rules: no choice possible*
  - *State-of-employment / State-of-residence*
  - *Complex rules on multi-state employment*

## Currently underlying principles of social security coordination (2):

- **Non-discrimination**

- *Solidarity from day one* (sterk zicht op gelijkheidsbeginsel)

- **Aggregation of periods**

- *To avoid gaps in coverage* (sterk zicht op gelijkheidsbeginsel)

- **Export of benefits**

- *With exceptions*



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**Eva van Ooij**

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**Let's introduce Robin**

## ***Robin and her social security protection***



***Robin lives in Amsterdam, the Netherlands***

***Robin works for a German employer based in Berlin for about 4 days every month while travelling there. Robin pursues her activities also at home, about 4 days every month in Amsterdam and 12 days from Morocco.***

***Robin has 2 dependent children who are also living with their father in Amsterdam.***



Robin works in two EU Member States and, in addition, in a third country outside the EU

**‘Where’ does Robin work?**

**‘How much’ does Robin work in a particular place?**

**To which scheme of social security should Robin be subject?**

**Should the activities pursued outside the EU be taken into account?**

**What should be the decisive element: The number of working hours?**

**The amount of earnings? The employer who pays and has the power of decision?**

**Which scheme of social security pays for the child allowances of the 2 dependent children of Robin?**

MACRO (legislator)

## **Explicable**

- Fair
- Transparent
- Concise & uniform
- Securing people's subsistence
- Securing participation in the labour market

MESO (implementation)

## **Doable**

- Clear, concise & uniform guidelines
- Legitimate & clear legal basis
- As few actions as possible
- Connection to existing infrastructure & systems
- Systems that facilitate required assessments & data

MICRO (citizens)

## **Understandable**

- Fair
- Predictable (transparency in rights & duties)
- Accessible (information)
- Doable
- Clear (legal certainty)



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## New paradigms

*For an explainable, doable and understandable  
coordination of social security*

## **Question to explore**

*What could / should be the underlying principles to enable the coordination of social security schemes as to remain future-proof?*



- 1. Future-proof outlook*
- 2. Objective(s) of social security (coordination)*



## 5 perspectives



1. Citizen perspective
2. Administration and implementation perspective
3. National legislator perspective
4. European / international legislator perspective
5. Judge perspective (both national and international)





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# In-depth discussions

- *Discussion in 5 subgroups ('40)*
- *Plenary feedback and reflections ('10)*



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