

Workshop 1 (Newsroom)

New paradigms for (viable) coordination of social security

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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
- Aggregation of periods
 - To avoid gaps in coverage
- Export of benefits
 - With exceptions

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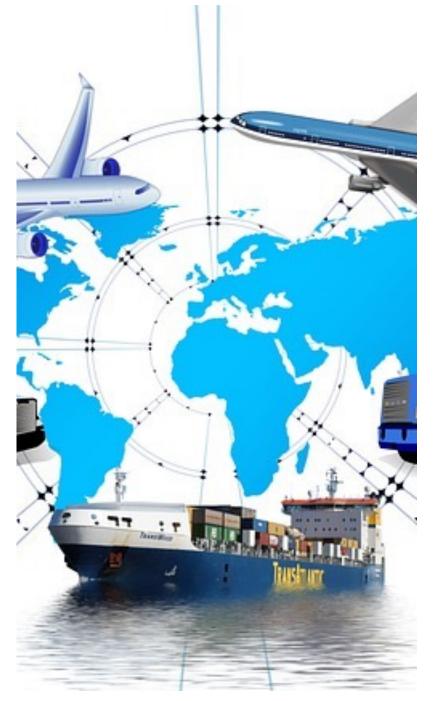
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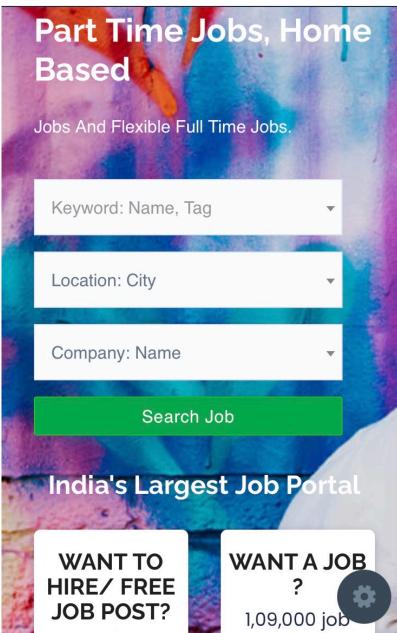
















Let's introduce Robin

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)	• Fair

Understandable

• Predictable (transparency in rights & duties

Accessible (information)

• Clear (legal certainty)

Doable

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
- 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)







In-depth discussions

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



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