

# 60 YEARS SOCIAL SECURITY COORDINATION FROM A WORKERS' PERSPECTIVE

## *PROGRAMME*



**LEUVEN, 16-17 MAY 2019**

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KU Leuven - Research Institute for Work and Society (HIVA)  
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We have the pleasure to invite you to the HIVA-EZA conference on ‘60 years of social security coordination from a workers’ perspective’. It will be held in Leuven on 16-17 May, with an opening speech by the European Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs, Mrs. Marianne Thyssen.

Free movement of workers would not be possible without the guarantee that workers do not lose their social protection when moving to another Member State. In order to protect the social security rights of persons moving within Europe, common rules on the coordination of social security systems are established at EU level. This year we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of these provisions. The anniversary gives us the opportunity to discuss the historical context, the current social and political context (revision of the coordination rules, Brexit, the European Labour Authority (ELA), etc.) as well as the challenges ahead without disregarding the strong social dimension of the current rules.

The main objective of the rules, notably to ensure that persons moving within the EU do not suffer any loss of social security rights in the context of intra EU-mobility, is guaranteed by some key principles. Hence, it is undeniable that the EU rules on the coordination of social security systems should be considered as an important European social instrument for the mobile worker. Nonetheless, some (small) gaps in social protection still exist between mobile workers and workers who never worked in another Member State. Moreover, some of the key principles might be under pressure today, mainly because of the concerns about ‘social dumping’ and ‘welfare tourism’.

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Thursday 16 May

Chairman:

Frederic De Wispelaere, Research expert at HIVA - KU Leuven n

09:00 | Welcome and coffee

09:30 | Jozef Pacolet, Emeritus Professor with formal duties at HIVA-KU Leuven  
*Welcome and scope of the conference*

09:40 | Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs

●●● PART I. SETTING THE SCENE

10:00 | Rob Cornelissen, Guest-Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
*The protection of social rights in a cross-border situation: a historical overview*

10:30 | Nicolas Rennuy, Lecturer in Law at the York Law School  
*EU rules on the coordination of social security systems: a seamless web of social protection*

11:00 | Coffee break

●●● PART II. LABOUR MOBILITY AND EUROPEAN COORDINATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY: FACTS AND FIGURES

11:30 | Elena Fries-Tersch, Senior researcher at Milieu Ltd.  
*Intra-EU (labour) mobility: an overview of the main trends*

12:00 | Jozef Pacolet, Emeritus Professor with formal duties at HIVA-KU Leuven  
*Social security coordination at a glance: the hidden European welfare state*

12:30 | Lunch

●●● PART III. SOCIAL RIGHTS OF MOBILE PERSONS IN PRACTICE

13:30 | Paul Schoukens, Professor at the Faculty of Law - KU Leuven  
*Social security coordination and non-standard forms of (self)employment*

14:00 | Gabriella Berki, Assistant Professor at the University of Szeged  
*Cross-border healthcare from a patients' perspective*

14:30 | Anna Matyska, Postdoctoral Fellow at IMMRC - KU Leuven  
*Posting of Polish workers and the application for A1 certificates*

15:00 | Coffee break

15:30 | Pauline Melin, Lecturer in EU Law at Maastricht University  
*The external dimension of EU social security coordination*

16:00 | Jana Fingarova, Research Associate at the Brandenburg University of Technology  
*Portability of social security rights: barriers to mobile Bulgarians between Germany and Bulgaria*

16:30 | Panel discussion: 'EU rules at the service of the mobile worker?'  
Karin Debroey, ACV - CSC  
Dirk De Wolf, Editor-in-chief of the journal 'Over de Grens'  
Ger Essers, Co-author of the 'Guide for Mobile European Workers' (ETUC)

17:15 | Closing

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Friday 17 May

Chairman:

Jozef Pacolet, Emeritus Professor with formal duties at HIVA-KU Leuven

09:00 | Welcome and coffee

09:30 | David-Pascal Dion, Head of unit D2 - DG EMPL

*State of play: reform of the social security coordination rules, portability of social rights after Brexit, establishment of a European Labour Authority (ELA)*

10:00 | Bernhard Spiegel, Head of Division, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, Austria

*A commentary on the agreement on the revised EU rules on social security coordination*

10:30 | Martin Seeleib-Kaiser, Professor of Comparative Public Policy - Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

*EU citizenship and social rights. Entitlements and impediments to accessing welfare*

11:00 | Coffee break

## ●●● PART IV. A GLANCE AT THE FUTURE

11:30 | Frederic De Wispelaere, Research expert at HIVA-KU Leuven

*The sustainability of the coordination of social security systems*

12:00 | Herwig Verschueren, Professor at the Faculty of Law - University of Antwerp

*Special non-contributory benefits and social assistance: where do we come from and where could we go?*

12:30 | Stamatia Devetzi, Professor at the Faculty of Law - University of Applied Sciences in Fulda

*Now also against workers? Solidarity in the post Dano/Alimanovic era and the relationship between Reg. 883/04 and 492/2011*

13:00 | Lunch

14:00 | Yves Jorens, Professor at the Faculty of Law - Ghent University

*Intra-EU posting: looking for solutions: a Herculean or a Sisyphian task?*

14:30 | Marjon Weerepas, Professor at the Faculty of Law - Maastricht University

*Towards a synchronisation between social security and taxation law*

15:00 | Coffee break

15:30 | Panel discussion: 'Impact of the EU rules on competent national authorities'

Marc Morsa, Senior legal officer, Federal Public Service Social Security, Belgium

Maria Kasarova, National Social Security Institute, Bulgaria

Essi Rentola, Ministry of social affairs and health, Finland

16:30 | Koen Meesters, National Political Secretary at ACV - CSC

16:50 | Luc Van den Brande, Former Minister-president of Flanders and President of EZA

*Closing speech*

17:10 | Closing

# PRACTICAL INFO

## Date

Thursday 16 May and Friday 17 May 2019.

## Place

Faculty Club

Groot Begijnhof 14

3000 Leuven

België

Tel: 016/32.95.00

<https://www.facultyclub.be>

## Languages

Working language of the conference is English. Simultaneous translation is provided in Dutch and French.

## Conference fee

140 EUR (covers the costs of organisation, documentation files, lunch and refreshments).

## Registration

To registrate, click [here](#).

Registration before 9 May 2019 is necessary and is only valid after payment has been received. After receipt of registration, the conference secretariat will send each participant an invoice for the conference fee. This invoice is at the same time a confirmation of your registration.

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