

# SOCIAL SECURITY COORDINATION

## DIGITAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM

### WHAT IS EESSI?

The **Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information system (EESSI)** connects electronically around 5.000 social security institutions of the 27 EU Member States plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland and the United Kingdom. It replaces the paper-based exchanges to the benefit of citizens who have lived and worked in several of these countries.

Exchanges can cover:



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Sickness, maternity and equivalent paternity benefits



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Family benefits



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Old-age pensions, pre-retirement and invalidity benefits



4

Unemployment benefits



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Survivors' benefits and death grants



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Benefits in respect of accidents at work and occupational diseases

This system **speeds up and simplifies** in a secure way the information exchange between social security institutions. Social security institutions across the EU plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom are able to exchange information digitally through EESSI.

### Example:

A person worked in Estonia, France and Italy throughout her career and asks the Italian social security institution to calculate her pension, this institution will contact Estonia and France through EESSI to obtain the information needed to calculate her pension rights.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?



### For citizens and businesses:

- ✓ **Quicker and more efficient processing** of social security benefits



### For Institutions:

- ✓ **More correct and complete data** thanks to standard electronic forms and procedures
- ✓ **Combating fraud and error**
- ✓ **More efficient implementation** of social security coordination rules

## WHEN?

**JULY  
2017**

**July 2017** – European Commission launches the EESSI software

**JAN  
2019**

First exchange within the EESSI system between Austria and Slovenia.

**JAN  
2021**

All 32 Participating Countries are connected to the EESSI system and able to exchange electronically on some of the business processes.

**JUNE  
2022**

Expected date to have EESSI in full production by all 32 Participating Countries.