

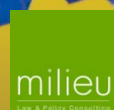


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# 1. SUMMARY OF BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS PER COUNTRY

## 1.1. Austria

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Agreement on the cooperation in combating cross-border undeclared work and illegal cross-border hiring of labor between Austria and **Germany** (11 June 2012):
  - Agreement with Germany on combating undeclared work: In 2012, at the initiative of the Finance Administration, Austria and Germany entered into an agreement on cooperation in combating cross-border undeclared work and illegal cross-border hiring of labour. The agreement provides for better bilateral cooperation.
- Agreement on the electronic exchange of data on deaths between Austria and **Germany**:
  - On the basis of an agreement with **Deutsche Post's Rentenservice**, data on deaths is exchanged between the Austrian pensions insurance institute and the German DRV Bund pension fund.
- Agreement on the electronic exchange of data on pension amounts between Austria and **Germany**:
  - Electronic exchange of data on pension amounts with the German statutory pension insurance scheme (Deutsche Rentenversicherung) via the Worldwide Exchange of Social Security Information (WESSI) system developed by the Austrian social security institutions. The basis is an agreement between the Austrian pension insurance institution and the **German DRV Bund**.
- Agreement about the implementation and use of an electronic online information procedure for the mutual access to insurance and pension data between Austria and **Germany**.
  - Electronic mutual access on insurance and pension data between the Austrian pension insurance providers and the German DRV Bund, DRV Knappschaft-Bahn-See and DRV Bayern Süd.
- Active participation by Austrian Social Security in different working groups and projects.

## 1.2. Belgium

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium and the **Kingdom of the Netherlands** on the development of cooperation and administrative assistance on social security (6 December 2010).
- Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Government of the **French Republic** for the development of cooperation and administrative assistance on social security (17 November 2008).
- Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium and the **Grand Duchy of Luxemburg** on the development of cooperation and administrative assistance on social security (5 February 2015).
- Authorisations of the Sectoral Committee on Social Security and Health, 'social security' section with regard to exchange of personal data:
  - Authorisation of the Sectoral Committee on Social Security and Health, 'social security' section, on the exchange of personal data between INAMI/RIZIV/NIHDI and the *UWV (Uitvoeringsinstituut Werknemersverzekeringen – the Netherlands)* obtained on 2 February 2016.
  - Authorisation nr. 18/148 on the exchange of personal data between the Federal pension office and the Istituto nazionale della previdenza sociale (Italy) dealing with the determination of pension rights and the fight against social fraud.



### 1.3. *Bulgaria*

#### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Treaty between the Republic of Bulgaria and the **Federal Republic of Germany** regarding cooperation in combating cross-border abuse of benefits and social security contributions from employment and unregistered employment, as well as illegal cross-border temporary employment (16 September 2009).
- Letter of intent between the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the **Kingdom of the Netherlands** on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy, in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social security regulations (19 November 2008).
- Letter of intent between the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Department of Work and Pensions of the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** on cooperation concerning the social policy in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social security regulations (16 October 2014).
- Agreement between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Kingdom of Belgium on cooperation in combating cross-border fraud in respect to social security benefits and contributions while working and with respect to undeclared employment and illegal cross-border work (finalised in February 2019, not signed yet).
- Agreement on administrative cooperation between the competent institutions of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Federal Republic of Germany (entered into force on 1st March 2020, applied as from 1st July 2020).

The Agreement is concluded between the National Social Security Institute and the German pension insurance. It concerns death data electronic exchange as well as exchange of other data with regard to pensions.

## 1.4. Croatia

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Agreement on electronic exchange of data needed for regular payments of pensions in order to prevent undue payments caused by death of pension beneficiary between Croatia and **Slovenia** (29 December 2013).
- Agreement between Croatian pension insurance institute and Social Insurance Institution of **Poland** on electronic exchange of data in order to prevent undue payments caused by death of pension beneficiary (24 November 2015).
- Agreement on the fact-of-death electronic data-exchange with competent pension institutions in **Germany** (September 2015).
- Upon commencement of the electronic data exchange, the beneficiaries are not obliged to provide their Life Certificates to both countries any more. Also, the fact of death is timely available to the competent institution, thereby preventing potential undue payments.

The stated electronic data exchange uses secure IT methods and tools providing the highest level of personal data protection.

## **1.5. Czech Republic**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Agreement on the cooperation and exchange of information in the field of collection of the contributions, illegal employment and misuse of benefits between the Czech Republic and **France** (11 July 2008).
- Agreement on the cooperation and exchange of information in the field of collection of the contributions, illegal employment and misuse of benefits between the Czech Republic and **Germany** (28 August 2009).
- Memorandum on the exchange of data and cross-border cooperation, combating fraud in international posting of workers and combating illegal employment between the Czech Republic and **the Netherlands** (28 November 2007).

Unfortunately, the Czech Republic reported that these agreements are very rarely applied. Generally, the cooperation between institutions is done within Regulation provisions on exchange of information.

## 1.6. Denmark

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Denmark is actively represented on the H5NCP Platform.
- Denmark is represented in several working groups, such as the Nordic working group on Benefit Fraud and the Working Group on European Benefit Fraud.
- The **Nordic Convention on social security** entered into force 1 May 2014. The agreement contains among other things a reference to the Regulations (EC) No 883/04 and 987/09 regarding enhanced cooperation on electronic information exchange.
- Agreement between the Social Insurance Institution of **Finland** (*Kela*), the Finnish Centre for Pensions (*ETK*), the Social Insurance Administration of **Iceland** (*Tryggingastofnun*), the Labour and Welfare Administration of **Norway** (*NAV*), the Pension Agency of **Sweden** and *Udbetaling Danmark* (**DK**) (*UDK*) concerning co-operation and exchange of information via secure e-mail on social security and payment of benefits (23 February 2016). Bilateral agreements on exchange of data on deaths have been concluded and implemented with **Germany** and **Poland**.
- Bilateral agreements on exchange of data on deaths have been concluded but not yet implemented with **France**, **Switzerland** and **the Netherlands**.

## **1.7. Estonia**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Agreement between State Social Insurance Agency of the Republic of **Latvia** and Social Insurance Board of the Republic of Estonia for exchange of information in electronic form of the death of pension beneficiaries or their departure to another country.
- Agreement between the State Social Insurance Fund Board under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of **Lithuania** and the Social Insurance Board of the Republic of Estonia on the electronic exchange of information about death of pension receivers and change of residence.
- Cooperation with **Finland**, annual meetings and negotiations in different branches of social security.
- Secure e-mail connections with **Finnish** institutions to exchange data concerning pensions, family allowances and legislation applicable.

## 1.8. Finland

### Bilateral/multilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- **Nordic cooperation** that includes negotiations and meetings in different branches of social security.
- Cooperation with **Estonia**, meetings and negotiations in different branches of social security.
- Secure e-mail connections with **Estonia** and **Nordic countries** and agreement signed for establishing secure e-mail connections with **German** pension institutions are ongoing.
- Multilateral secure e-mail agreement between the Social Insurance Institution of **Finland** (*Kela*), the Finnish Centre for Pensions (*ETK*), the Social Insurance Administration of **Iceland** (*Tryggingastofnun*), the **Norwegian** Labour and Welfare Administration (*NAV*), the **Swedish** Pensions Agency and the **Danish** Udbetaling Danmark (*UDK*).
- Online access to **German** Insurance history data (E505) and information on pension amounts from *ETK*, Employment Pension Institutions and *Kela*.
- Unilateral exchange of insurance history (E505) from **Norway and Sweden** to *Kela*.
- In some situations, the legislation also specifically allows for the information to be exchanged by electronic means. Electronic exchanges of life certificates/death data are based on bilateral agreements with references to social security coordination Regulations and national privacy and other relevant laws. The exchange of insurance numbers follows the rules of AC decision 117/82. However, Finland has made a bilateral agreement on data exchange management according to Decision 117/82 with **Norway and Sweden**.
- Based on bilateral agreements, Finland exchanges electronically
  - life certificates between **Finland** (both *ETK* and *Kela*) and **Sweden, Norway and Germany**.
- If the exchange of information is possible according to both countries' legislation on data protection, an agreement on it **can be made between two or more countries**.
- The provisions in Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 (especially Article 76) also support the exchange of this information on a case-by-case basis if the information is needed when implementing the Regulations in practice.
- Data matching in the pension sector concerning the exchange of PINs and insurance periods is directly derived from Regulation (EC) No 987/2009. Additional provisions concerning the exchange have been agreed upon in the agreements with **Sweden, Norway and Germany**. In this respect, it should be noted that the implementation of exchanging insurance numbers according to Article 52 has been based on that AC decision No. 117/82 and AC decision E1.

## 1.9. Germany

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Treaty of 11 June 2012 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of **Austria** on cooperation in combating undeclared cross-border work and illegal cross-border temporary work.
- Treaty of 12 November 2008 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of **Bulgaria** on cooperation in combating cross-border social security benefit and contribution fraud in employment and undeclared employment, and illegal cross-border temporary work.
- Agreement of 28 August 2009 between the Federal Ministry of Finance of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry for Employment and Social Affairs of the **Czech Republic** on cooperation in combating illegal employment, undeclared work, illegal cross-border temporary work and the related cross-border abuse of social benefits and non-payment of social security contributions.
- Administrative agreement between the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry for Employment and Solidarity of the **French Republic** on cooperation in combating undeclared work and the related cross-border abuse of social benefits related to gainful employment, and in the field of cross-border temporary work (31 May 2001).
- Treaty of 12 January 2012 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the **Kingdom of the Netherlands** on cooperation in combating cross-border employment-related social security benefit and contribution fraud, abuse of basic security benefits for job seekers and undeclared work and illegal cross-border temporary work.
- In the period under report, *Deutsche Rentenversicherung* made further progress in the testing of and preparation for the introduction of procedures for the automated cross-checking of data on deaths with the countries **Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Croatia, Poland and the United Kingdom**.

## 1.10. Greece

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- The electronic exchange of data on deceased pensioners has already been put into effect between social security bodies in **Germany** and Greece (*IKA-ETAM* and *OGA*).
- The German pension institution and the Greek social security bodies (*IKA-ETAM*, *OGA* and *OAAE*) share the possibility of automated access to the German E505 certificate concerning the insurance history of a worker and to information on pension amounts.



## **1.11. Hungary**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- For family benefits, introduction and application of the SEDs as soon as possible to replace the cumbersome paper-based data exchange system. Administrative procedures on the basis of bilateral agreements could contribute greatly to reducing administrative error in the Member States concerned. Hungary has attempted to apply certain administrative rules in respect of **Austria** and **Slovakia**, but this proved not to be sustainable.
- For old-age benefits, there is regular data exchange, legal assistance, advisory activity and information for claimants in respect of legal consequences. The National Pensions Directorate meets regularly with numerous Member State representatives. We have not yet concluded any data exchange agreements.

## **1.12. Iceland**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

The Social Insurance Administration participates in the following cross-border cooperation in relation to fraud and error:

- The National Contact Point platform which is based on decision H5NCP.
- A **Nordic working group** on Benefit Fraud which holds yearly meetings. The agenda is mainly information exchange on highlights, methods and challenges in combating fraud and error.

## 1.13. Ireland

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ROI, UK and NI*
  - A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Ireland and the Government of **the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland** concerning co-operation and mutual assistance in the administration of social security schemes was signed on the 9th October 2000.
  - Under the MOU procedures have been implemented to ensure that all information requests and data exchanges are made through a single point of contact in each jurisdiction.
  - A Cross Border Operational Forum operates under the MOU. The Cross-Border Operational Forum comprises of senior fraud managers from the Department of Social Protection, the Department for Work and Pensions (UK) and the Northern Ireland Social Security Agency of the Department for Social Development. The Forum's remit is to liaise at operational level and ensure that measures are in place to ensure effective co-operation, prevention and detection of fraud.
  - The five main and common areas of fraud risk for all jurisdictions are Shadow Economy, Cross jurisdictional claiming, identity fraud, non-residency and undeclared income.
  - The forum continues to look at areas and opportunities for data exchanges.

## 1.14. Italy

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Technical and procedural arrangement between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and *Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale (INPS)* to further enhance efficiency in the implementation of the social security Agreement between **Australia** and the Italian Republic, signed September 13th, 1993 and of the administrative arrangements of the social security Agreement between Australia and the Italian Republic.
- In December 2014, a meeting was held in Rome with the participation of representatives of the *SVB* and *dell'UWV Dutch* in which you have defined a draft agreement for the exchange of information on the death of pensioners and the amounts of pensions paid.
- INPS and **German** Institutions agreed that it was not necessary to enter into a formal agreement and that the legal basis of the exchange was established by the rules of the Social Security Regulations European and the decisions concerning the Commission. The death's data electronic exchange between *INPS* and German Institutions was defined during several meetings.
- Exchange of official electronic notes to enhance efficiency on mutual practices' management between the Italian Republic and **Switzerland** (14 January 2015).
- Following a meeting between Italy and **Germany**, held in September 2015 in Rome, under the coordination of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, developments were initiated that were needed in order to conclude an agreement on the electronic exchange of the necessary forms to determine the reimbursement of unemployment benefits (Paper U020 and subsequent ones) in accordance with Article 65 of Regulation 883/2004, pending the launch of EESSI. The project is ongoing. The procedure for the management of these paper forms already carried out at national level is still undergoing advanced tests at national level and technical proposals are being examined by Germany. In case an agreement on the technical procedure is reached, further areas of data exchange could be identified with a view to preventing and combating fraud and error.
- On August 2016 representatives of the *SVB* and of *UWV*, of **Netherland** and of *INPS* signed an agreement for the exchange of information on the death of pensioners and the amounts of pensions paid.
- On 24th January 2017 representatives of the **UK** Department for Work and Pension signed an agreement with *INPS*.
- On 28th July 2017 representatives of the *ZUS*, the **Polish** Institution, and of *INPS* signed an agreement for the exchange of information on the death of pensioners and the amounts of pensions.
- On 9th January 2019 entered into force the Technical-operational Agreement on the electronic data exchange of death dates and pension amounts of common beneficiaries between the Service Fédéral des Pensions (SFP) of **Belgium** and *INPS*.
- On 26th July 2019 entered into force the Technical-operational Agreement on the electronic data exchange of death dates and pension amounts of common beneficiaries between the Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse of **France** and *INPS*.
- On 17th December 2019 entered into force the Technical-operational Agreement on the electronic data exchange of death dates and pension amounts of common beneficiaries between Hrvatskizavodzamirovinskoosiguranje (HZMO) of **Croatia** and *INPS*.

- On 29th January 2020 entered into force the Technical-operational Agreements for the electronic data exchange on death dates and pension amounts of common beneficiaries between the Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Pension (CNAP) of **Luxembourg** and INPS.
  
- INPS and German Institutions agreed that it was not necessary to enter into a formal agreement and that the legal basis of the exchange was established by the rules of the Social Security Regulations European and the decisions concerning the Commission. The death's data electronic exchange between *INPS* and German Institutions was defined during several meetings.
  
- On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1993 the Department of Human Services (DHS) of **Australia** and *Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale (INPS)* signed a technical and procedural agreement to further enhance efficiency in the implementation of the social security Agreement between Australia and the Italian Republic.
  
- On August 2016 representatives of the SVB and of UWV, of **Netherland** and of INPS signed an agreement for the exchange of information on the death of pensioners and the amounts of pensions paid.
  
- On 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Swiss Central Compensation Office, CCO and INPS UCC signed agreement of official electronic notes to enhance efficiency on mutual practices' management between the Italian Republic and **Switzerland**.
  
- On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 representatives of the **UK** Department for Work and Pension signed an agreement with INPS.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 representatives of the ZUS, the **Polish** Institution, and of INPS signed an agreement for the exchange of information on the death of pensioners and the amounts of pensions.
  
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## 1.15. Latvia

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Agreement between the State Social Insurance Fund Board of the Republic of **Lithuania** and the State Social Insurance Agency of the Republic of Latvia on exchange of information on pension receivers electronically (05 August 2011).
  - According to the bilateral agreement between pensions institutions of Latvia and **Lithuania** on exchange of information on the death of pension receivers or their departure to another country data are sent electronically encrypted and with digital signature to protect personal data.
- Agreement between the National Social Insurance Board of the Republic of **Estonia** and State Social Insurance Agency of the Republic of Latvia on exchange of information on pension receivers in electronic form (14 January 2016).
  - According to the bilateral agreement between pensions institutions of Latvia and **Estonia** on exchange of information on the death of pension receivers or their departure to another country data are sent electronically encrypted and with digital signature to protect personal data.
- There are provisions on personal data protection in all international agreements on social security between Latvia and **third countries (Australia, Belarus, Canada, Russian Federation and Ukraine)**.

## **1.16. Lithuania**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Arrangement on electronic exchange of information between Lithuania and **Latvia** (5 August 2011).
- Arrangement on electronic exchange of information about pension recipients between Lithuania and **Estonia** (17 March 2016).
- The State Social Insurance Fund Board initiated new negotiations regarding conclusion of bilateral arrangement on electronic exchange of information about the death of the recipients of pension with **Ireland, Poland, Sweden, Spain** and **Germany**.

## **1.17. Luxembourg**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Agreement between the Governments of Luxembourg and France for the development of the cooperation and administrative mutual aid in the field of social security
- Agreement between the Governments of Luxembourg and Belgium on the cooperation and administrative mutual aid in the field of social security

### **Multilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Joint Declaration Social Summit Benelux of 13 February 2014 (Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands)
- In 2015 the Committee of Benelux Ministers made a recommendation on the development of multilateral cooperation to combat cross-border social security fraud at Benelux and EU levels.
- Recommendation on labour mobility in the Benelux (906/1) of 15 June 2019

In which the Benelux Interparliamentary Assembly asks the governments, among other things, "to step up the cross-border fight against social and fiscal fraud in order to achieve a "level playing field" in the Benelux".



## **1.18. Malta**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Malta signed a data exchange agreement with the **UK** in July 2011. This agreement comprises a series of activities to be undertaken by both parties in order to maximize the potential of such an arrangement. Such actions include:
  - The exchange of the full case load on an annual basis – which includes the details of all Maltese pensioners residing in the UK and vice-versa;
  - The identification of the mutual pensioners (on the basis of the full-case load);
  - The weekly exchange of reported deaths which occurred in both countries;
  - The exchange of a 6-weekly update report which includes the details of new pensioners.
- The data exchange exercise between Malta and the **UK** was designed in compliance with Directive 95/46/EC and the Data Protection Act. In order to safeguard the security and integrity of the data exchanged, the following measures were taken:
  - Exchange of secure-keys between interested parties.
  - Establishment of an encryption link in order to exchange encrypted data files which can be downloaded only by owners of the secure-key.
  - The data is retained in accordance with the national data protection policies whilst other data which is not required, shall be destroyed within 90 days.

## 1.19. The Netherlands

### Bilateral/multilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Joint Declaration Social Summit **Benelux** of 3 February 2014 (**Belgium, Luxemburg** and the **Netherlands**):
  - The agreement aims to strengthen the cooperation in the enforcement of laws and regulations in the field of social policy and employment, in particular with regard to the fight against fraud, social dumping and exploitation.
  - The cooperation will take place both in the practical implementation of their laws and regulations in cross-border situations, and in a joint approach to enforcement issues within the EU.
- Letter of intent between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of **Bulgaria** (19 November 2008).
- Joint Statement on cooperation and the exchange of information in the fight against fraud and abuse in the **Bulgarian** and Dutch Labour markets (20 June 2013).
- List on the Exchange of information between the Social Insurance Institutions of the Netherlands and **Cyprus** as agreed on the 23rd of January 2014 concerning Applicable Legislation.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of **the Czech Republic** on data exchange and cross-border cooperation in combating fraud in transnational posting of workers and illegal labour (28 November 2007).
- Agreement concerning administrative cooperation for the fight against illegal work and the respect of social rights in cases of cross-border movements of workers and services between the Netherlands and the **French Republic** (15 Mai 2007).
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Labour and Pension System of the **Republic of Croatia** and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on data exchange and cross-border cooperation in combating of fraud and error in transnational posting of workers and undeclared work (9 December 2013).
- Joint Declaration on cooperation and exchange of information in the field of social policy by the Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the **Republic of Poland** and the Minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (16 April 2008).
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity of the **Portuguese Republic** and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy, in case of transnational labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations (13 September 2007).
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection in **Romania** on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy in case of cross-border labour and services (1 July 2010).
- Memorandum of Understanding between The Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the **Slovak Republic** on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social

policy, in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations (6 November 2006).

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of **the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and the Government of the Netherlands concerning cooperation and mutual assistance in the administration of social security and social assistance programmes (25 February 2004).
- Treaty of 12 January 2012 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on cooperation in combating cross-border employment-related social security benefit and contribution fraud, abuse of basic security benefits for job seekers and undeclared work and illegal cross-border temporary work (12 January 2012).
- In June 2013 the SVB entered into a practical collaboration with its national partners, inspectorates and the Tax Department to facilitate fact finding in complicated cases. In 2013 and 2014 a working group has investigated situations of bogus self-employment and letterbox companies. This involved various companies and several hundred posting certificates. Following this the SVB contacted sister agencies in Cyprus, Luxembourg and Portugal to verify posting certificates and if necessary to have them withdrawn. This resulted in working agreements with **Cyprus** at a practical and ministerial level. The working agreements with **Romania, Bulgaria and Poland** were reconfirmed. The Dutch embassy in Bucharest, Sofia and Warsaw recruited local employees to support cooperation between Dutch and local implementing agencies.
- In 2014 a cooperation agreement was signed with **France** on further cooperation to exchange of death data and informing mutual customers.
- *Zorgverzekeraars Nederland (ZN)* is a member of the **European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN)**. EHFCN's activities aim to support members and associates entities in their work of prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution and redress of healthcare fraud, corruption and waste. EHFCN organises conferences and training seminars which all aim at promoting the share of best practice and encouraging the exchange of information, the development of common working standards and networking with peers. ZN hosts this year's EHFCN conference. Since all Dutch healthcare insurers are members of ZN, they are all represented in the EHFCN.

ZN also participates in the International Association of Mutual benefits (AIM). AIM strives to defend the access to healthcare for all through solidarity-based and non-for profit health insurance. AIM's mission is to provide a platform for members to exchange on common issues and to represent their interests and values in the European and international Institutions. AIM has several groups working on specific themes. Until recently ZN has actively cooperated in the group of countering healthcare fraud and corruption.

Data exchange: "We are not automatically entitled to engage in enquiries into possible benefit fraud in other countries. We are limited to visiting the claimant at his/her address, and otherwise we have to engage our foreign partner institution in the investigation. Through a extended network of bilateral agreements these requests necessitate the cooperation of the partner institution. E.g. with **Germany** we have an agreement with Finanzkontrolle Schwarzarbeit der Bundeszollverwaltung on these issues, while for **Belgium** and **Luxemburg** we cooperate via the Benelux Council."

## ***1.20. Norway***

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- The Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration have established a National Contact Point, operative since 2014.
- The **Nordic** states hold yearly meetings assessing our mutual conduct of the Nordic and European treaties of cooperation in the field and addressing mutual challenges in combating fraud and error.

## 1.21. Poland

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Agreement between the **Deutsche Rentenversicherung** (German Pension insurance) and the Social Security Institution, the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund, the Pension Benefit Institution of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Military Pension Office in Warsaw on the European Information Online System of the German Pension Insurance regarding access to the German insurance and pension data of citizens of the EU / EEA Member States and of Swiss citizens (22 November 2011).
- Technical agreement on the exchange of data on deaths between **Deutsche Post AG Renten Service** and the Social Insurance Institution (12 November 2014).
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the Department for Social Development of **Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and the *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych* (Social Insurance Institution - ZUS) in Poland concerning co-operation and mutual assistance in the administration of social security (16 July 2013).
- Supplementary Arrangement to Support Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the Department for Social Development of **Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and the *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych* (Social Insurance Institution – ZUS) in Poland (6 April 2016).
- Agreement between *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych* (Social Insurance Institution, ZUS) in Poland and *Hrvatski zavod za mirovinsko osiguranje (HZMO)* in **Croatia** on single access to data concerning amounts of benefits paid by in ZUS for purpose of determination of the amount of one-time cash benefit by HZMO (24 November 2015).
- Agreement between *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych* (Social Insurance Institution, ZUS) in Poland and *Hrvatski zavod za mirovinsko osiguranje (HZMO)* in Croatia on electronic exchange of information for the purpose of identifying the deceased beneficiaries (24 November 2015).
- Agreement between *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych* (Social Insurance Institution, ZUS) in Poland and *Pensionsmyndigheten* in **Sweden** on electronic exchange of data for purpose of death beneficiaries' identification (16 December 2014).
- Agreement between *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych - ZUS* in Poland (Social Insurance Institution) and *Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale – INPS* in **Italy** (National Social Security Institution) on electronic exchange of data (28 July 2017).
- Arrangement between *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (ZUS)* in Poland and *Sociale Verzekeringsbank (SVB)* and *Uitvoeringsinstituut Werknemersverzekeringen (UWV)* in **The Netherlands** on electronic exchange of data for purpose of death beneficiaries' identification (11 October 2017).
- Agreement between *Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (ZUS)* in Poland and *Udbetaling Danmark (UDK)* in **Denmark** on electronic exchange of data for purpose of dead beneficiaries' identification (22 November 2017).

- Information on progress:
  - As regards *ZUS*:
    - Data safety and protection during electronic data exchange between *ZUS* and foreign institutions is secured by the use of *sTESTA* network, e.g. *FTP*, *sPAD*. Also, *PGP* another data exchange interfaces are provided.
    - Electronic exchange of data under the said agreements is successfully ongoing with **Germany, Sweden, Croatia, UK, the Netherlands, Italy** and **Denmark**.
    - Work was under way to effect electronic exchange of information with the following countries: **Spain** and **France**.

## 1.22. Portugal

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Furthermore, a number of cooperation exercises with some Member States — primarily **Belgium** and **the Netherlands** — have been carried out in relation to posting. These exercises were an attempt, on the basis of the new elements of information known to those Member States as host States for posted workers, to demonstrate the existence of substantial activity in Portugal on the part of the various undertakings. In this connection, and whenever there is justification for doing so, Portugal has annulled some Portable Documents A1 and enlisted the cooperation of the relevant institutions to prevent the emergence of periods where the workers are not covered by the legislation of the Member State of origin or the host Member State.
- In addition to those referred to in the answer to question II.2 above special attention should be drawn to the cooperation activities carried out in 2014 with the following Member States pursuant to Article 76(4) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004:
  - **Portugal – Switzerland**
    - On 29-31 October 2014 a bilateral meeting of experts from the Portuguese institution competent for pensions (the National Pensions Centre) and experts from the counterpart Swiss institution (*OAIE*, the disability insurance office for insured people living abroad) was held with a view to defining measures making it possible to minimise the main problems with cooperation between those institutions in the framework of the application of the EC Regulations on coordination of social security systems.
    - The meeting produced significant contributions to improving the services provided by both institutions: emphasis is to be placed on the designation of contact points in the framework of the fight against pension fraud, specifically invalidity pension fraud.
  - **Portugal – Ireland**
    - In 2014 the *ISS, IP* responded to a series of queries addressed to it by the Department of Social Protection in Ireland in the framework of an ongoing investigation into “marriages of convenience” in that Member State between young Portuguese women and citizens of third countries. According to the Irish authorities, a significant increase was recorded in the number of applications from young Portuguese women for the PPSN (Personal Public Service Number) so they could “marry” citizens of third countries who could in this manner thus obtain resident status for cash.
    - The Irish Department of Justice is currently examining this issue with the Portuguese authorities with a view to stepping up its fight against this phenomenon.
  - **Portugal – the Netherlands**
    - In 2014, the close cooperation on information sharing between the two Member States continued with a view to preventing and combating Fraud and Error, specifically as regards the issue of under-declaration of salaries to Portuguese social security by undertakings with workers posted to the Netherlands.

## **1.23. Romania**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- According to the duties under the application of Decision H5, CNPP, as a National Point of Contact in combating frauds and errors in the field of social security, via the Directorate for International Relations, has assigned a number of 2 employees for solving the related requests.
- No agreements and arrangements with other member states were concluded for the purposes of combating fraud and error in the field of social security.



## 1.24. Slovakia

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Secretary of State for fight against social fraud, privacy and Nord Sea, attached to the Minister of Social Affairs and Public health of **the Kingdom of Belgium** concerning the development of a cooperation in the fight against cross-border social fraud with regard to the enforcement of the rules on social policy, in the case of cross-border employment and with regard to the enforcement of social security legislation (23 October 2017),
- Agreement on Cooperation between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry for Family and Social Solidarity of the **Republic of Malta** (31 March 2015)
- Joint Statement Cooperation and Exchange of Information concerning the provision of services and posting of workers between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Employment of **the Kingdom of Denmark** (5 October 2015),
- Memorandum on Cooperation in the field of Labour and Social Affairs between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection of **the Republic of Austria** (12 January 2012)
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the **Kingdom of the Netherlands** on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy, in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations (6 November 2006),
- Joint Statement Cooperation between the Slovak Republic and the **United Kingdom** in the fields of Employment and Social Security Policy – Joint Statement Cooperation between the Slovak Republic Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family and the UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (13 May 2002)
- Protocol on Cooperation between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Labour, Social Welfare of the **Republic of Croatia** (5 March 2001)
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity of **Portugal** (16 October 2001)
- Agreement on Mutual Cooperation between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance of the **Republic of Cyprus** (18 December 2001)
- Agreement between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and Federal Ministry of Social Security and Generations on Cooperation in the field of social policy of **the Republic of Austria** (21 August 2000)
- Joint Statement Cooperation in the field of Labour, Employment and Social Affairs between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Family of the **Republic of Hungary** (11 June 1999)

- Joint Statement Cooperation in the field of Employment, Labour Relations and Social Policy between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the **Republic of Poland** (4 July 1997)
- Agreement between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the **Republic of Bulgaria** on cooperation in the field of employment and social policy (23 May 1996)
- Agreement on Mutual Cooperation between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the **Czech Republic** (12 January 1995)

- **Pensions**

- In the area of pensions, the Social Insurance Agency is working to strengthen cooperation with the institutions of certain states implementing the coordination regulations, for example as regards proving custody of children. Information is exchanged with the **Czech Republic** in the administration of pensions. We have not experienced conflicts between the law on personal data protection and cross-border information exchange.

- **Family benefits**

- A bilingual form has been developed in cooperation with HMRC in **the United Kingdom** to facilitate information exchange and to prevent and detect fraud.

- Bilateral working meetings with the institutions in neighbouring states (the **Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria**) to improve cooperation and information exchange in order to prevent fraud and error and to deal with cases of fraud and error.

## 1.25. Spain

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- Bilaterally negotiating collaboration agreements with liaison bodies of other Member States, in order to obtain information relating to pensioners of one state who reside in the other, with the objective of monitoring the proper implementation of the priority rules for benefits in kind set out in Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 883/04.
  - Meetings or conversations are being held with the liaison bodies of various states (Belgium, , Denmark, , Poland, United Kingdom, Italy, **France, Australia, Andorra, the Netherlands, Romania**) to put in place agreements for the exchange of information to help in the monitoring of deaths, top-up benefits and health cover.
  - Such Data Exchange collaboration agreements have already been concluded between *INSS (Instituto Nacional de la Seguridad Social)*, Spain, and liaison bodies from other Member States: **Sweden** (signed 2019., **the Netherlands, Switzerland and France**.
  - With regard to health cover, it has been discovered that there are pensioners from other countries living in Spain who, instead of applying for their health care entitlement to be exported to Spain, expect to be eligible for health care from Spain because they are resident there, shying away from the provisions of Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 883/04.
- A collaboration agreement also exists between Spain and **Germany** for the electronic exchange of information on pensioners of both states.
- With the information provided by **Germany**, we begun a process of cleaning this data, with the aim of verifying cases of people whose health care should, under the priority rules, be funded by the country paying their pension, as they are currently eligible for health care under Spanish law only because they are resident in Spain.

## 1.26. Sweden

### Bilateral/multilateral agreements combating fraud and error

- The Swedish Social Insurance Agency is part of two networks, within the EU, combating abuse of the insurance – Working Group European Benefit fraud and Nordic Working group against benefit fraud. The Agency has in cooperation with **Finland** and **Norway** carried out controls regarding sickness benefit. The agency investigated if the citizen received income from work at the same time as they had sickness benefit. The Swedish Pensions Agency has electronic exchange of data (personal circumstances – date of death, civil status) with **Finland, Poland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, the United Kingdom and Germany** through Memoranda of Understanding. The purpose is mainly to quicken the administration to avoid incorrect payments. The agency plans to conclude agreements and establish electronic exchange with Poland and the United Kingdom during 2015. The Swedish Pensions Agency is also discussing bilateral exchanges with **Spain**. Once launched, the EESSI system is expected to be valuable in limiting fraud and error.
- Agreement between the Social Insurance Institution of **Finland** (*Kela*), the Finnish Centre for Pensions (*ETK*), the Social Insurance Administration of **Iceland** (*Tryggingastofnun*), the **Norwegian** Labour and Welfare Administration (*NAV*), the **Swedish** Pensions Agency and the **Danish** Udbetaling Danmark (*UDK*) concerning co-operation and exchange of information via secure e-mail on social security and payment of benefits (2015).

## **1.27. Switzerland**

### **Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error**

- Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in **Germany** and in Switzerland (June 2007).
- Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in **Italy** and in Switzerland (January 2015).
- Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in **Spain** and in Switzerland (September 2017).
- Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in **Danemark** and in Switzerland (November 2018).
- Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in **France** and in Switzerland (August 2019).
- Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in **Croatia** and in Switzerland (July 2021).

### **Overview of ongoing bilateral work (exchanges of dates of death)**

## 1.28. United Kingdom

### Bilateral agreements combating fraud and error

The following activities took place with specific countries:

- **Ireland** – Continued participation in the Cross Border Operational Forum with Ireland and Northern Ireland. Data matching continues on unreported deaths in the state pension caseload.
- **Spain** - Data matching continues on unreported deaths in the state pension caseload. Officials from the UK visited Spain and held productive talks with Spanish officials on how to tackle cross border fraud. A Memorandum of Understanding is currently being worked on which will allow greater data sharing on working age cases
- **Germany** – Held talks on progressing data matching on unreported deaths in the state pension caseload. Initial testing took place in spring 2015 with a view to full live running in autumn 2015.
- **Poland** – Hosted a visit in London for Polish officials on progressing data matching on unreported deaths in the state pension caseload. Testing to take place during 2015 with a view to full live running in early 2016.
- **The Netherlands** – Work continues to get data matching on state pension caseload live.
- **Malta** – Data matching for unreported deaths tested and became live in December 2014.
- **Denmark** – Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2014. Work on-going to get data matching live, target date autumn 2015.
- Negotiations with France, Italy and Switzerland have been on-going during 2014 to agree and sign Memorandums of Understanding.
- All the agreements are signed on bilateral basis taking into account both countries regulations on data protection and privacy and also being aware of EU Social Security Coordination Regulations where appropriate.

## 2. INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY SHEETS

### 2.1. Austria

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Cooperation in combating cross-border undeclared work and illegal cross-border hiring of labour
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Germany - Austria
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Agreement with <b>Germany</b> on combating undeclared work: In 2012, at the initiative of the Finance Administration, Austria and Germany entered into an agreement on cooperation in combating cross-border undeclared work and illegal cross-border hiring of labour. The agreement provides for better bilateral cooperation.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	State treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	State treaty ratified by the <i>Nationalrat</i> (Lower House of the Austrian Parliament)
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	11.6.2012
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Vienna

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	14.5.2013
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.8.2013
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&amp;Gesetzesnummer=20008419">https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&amp;Gesetzesnummer=20008419</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>The State parties are seeking to step up cooperation between their departments with regard to combating cross-border undeclared work and illegal cross-border hiring of labour. The Ministries of Finance of both countries are cooperating with a view to providing mutual support by means of the following measures in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. exchange of information on the structure and role of the inspection and supervisory authorities and the designation of contact persons;</li> <li>2. joint planning and implementation of preventive measures in the relevant area of responsibility;</li> <li>3. exchange of information on inspection and working methods;</li> <li>4. administrative cooperation, upon request, for the provision of information, including personal data, necessary for the effective performance of tasks;</li> <li>5. the unrequested sending of communications (spontaneous communications);</li> <li>6. reports on the progress of a procedure, if requested; and</li> <li>7. staff exchanges.</li> </ol>



<b>Any additional information</b>	
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Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement on the electronic exchange of data on deaths
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Electronic exchange of data on deaths via Deutsche Post's pension service: On the basis of an agreement with <b>Deutsche Post's Rentenservice</b> , data on deaths is exchanged between the Austrian pension insurance institute and the German DRV Bund pension fund.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Deutsche Post's pensions service and the Austrian pension insurance institution.
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if</b>	

<p><b>applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	
<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement on the electronic exchange of data on pension amounts
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Germany - Austria
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Electronic exchange of data on pension amounts with the <b>German statutory pension</b> insurance scheme (Deutsche Rentenversicherung) via the Worldwide Exchange of Social Security Information (WESSI) system developed by the Austrian social security institutions. The basis is an agreement between the Austrian pension insurance institution and the <b>German DRV Bund</b> .
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	German statutory pension insurance scheme ( <i>Deutsche Rentenversicherung</i> ) and the Austrian pension insurance institution
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
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<p><b>Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	
<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement about the implementation and use of an electronic online information procedure for the mutual access to insurance and pension data
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Electronic mutual access on insurance and pension data between the Austrian pension insurance providers and the German DRV Bund, DRV Knappschaft-Bahn-See and DRV Bayern Süd.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	German and Austrian pension insurance providers. DRV-Bund, DRV Knappschaft-Bahn-See, DRV Bayern Süd, PVA, SVB, SVA and VAEB-
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01.06.2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if</b>	

<p><b>applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	
<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

## 2.2. Belgium

**Summary of replies from all sectors.** In Annex III, only bilateral treaties under international law were reported. However, a third bilateral treaty was signed in 2015 and approved by the Chamber (Parliament) in May 2016, but has not yet entered into force. Moreover, in order to be fully operational, these treaties, within the legal framework established by the Framework Agreement (Treaty) and the administrative arrangements (implementing measures), require the social security institutions concerned in each branch of social security, and the relevant social inspection services, to conclude cooperation agreements. Although not relating to the year 2015, Belgium notes that the Secretary of State is planning a round of negotiations leading to the conclusion of Memorandums of Understanding with Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Slovakia and other countries, covering social security, and pay and working conditions for employees and the self-employed (see policy guidance document of 2 June 2016 issued by the Secretary of State responsible for the fight against social security fraud — Doc 54 0020/063). The Memorandums of Understanding should be aimed at strengthening cooperation between inspectorates with a view, in particular, to more effectively monitoring current European rules. They should also be aimed at improving the exchange of information between the inspection services concerned. This round of negotiations should start by the end of 2016.

Otherwise, all bilateral or multilateral initiatives (Benelux) mentioned in the previous 'fraud and error' report (published in 2015 – reference year 2014) are still in place and should be taken into account in the 2016 report, but do not seem to have been reported in the nomenclature (Treaty/agreements) of Annex II.

As regards **the pensions sector**, it should also be noted that the competent institution (*Service fédéral des Pensions/Federale Pensioendienst – SFP/FPD*) states that it has concluded agreements with Germany (DRV 2011) (which came into effect in 2015), the Netherlands (SVB 2011) (2016), France (CNAV 2016) and Luxembourg (CNAP 2017). In 2019 it has also added Italy (test 2019 and production 2020). In addition, the *SFP/FPD* has negotiated with Spain and started testing (2021)

**Benelux.** In 2015 the Committee of Benelux Ministers made a recommendation on the development of multilateral cooperation to combat cross-border social security fraud at Benelux and EU levels. The recommendation was brought to the attention of the European Union. It is a political document which lacks binding legal force. The Committee of Ministers may make recommendations for the needs of the Benelux. These recommendations are not legally binding, but impose a certain moral obligation on Member States to bring their legislation into line. The recommendation stresses the need for a legal framework which enables comprehensive cross-border cooperation between the various inspection services in the fight against social security fraud. The recommendation lists three specific objectives (Article 2). The governments of the Benelux countries will take all steps to ensure that the Benelux Union can play a pioneering role within the EU:

- to combat unfair competition and social dumping internationally, through better cooperation and exchange of data;
- to take whatever measures are possible and necessary to remedy certain shortcomings in the regulatory framework or problems affecting cooperation;
- to seek, both within the Benelux countries and in conjunction with other countries, the necessary support for European measures which are appropriate for the purposes set out in the first paragraph above. In order to achieve these objectives, the governments of the Benelux countries will take initiatives at both Benelux and EU level (Articles 3 and 4).

By way of example, regarding benefit fraud, the Benelux countries agreed to exchange data in the autumn with a view to detecting benefit fraud. As a pilot project, the Belgian social security bodies and the competent authorities in the Netherlands will initially exchange data relating to employment and unemployment. This information should make it possible to identify the persons who actually commit benefit fraud. The fraud may involve receiving benefits in one country and a salary/wage in another country, or receiving benefits from two countries. Luxembourg will join this initiative at a later date.

As regards **on-the-spot checks**, in 2015 the Benelux countries signed a declaration in which they pledged to work together to combat cross-border social security fraud and undertake joint measures to combat social dumping, fictitious companies, posting fraud, benefit fraud and fraudulent temping agencies. Recently, the Dutch and Belgian inspection services jointly inspected a temping agency which



has cross-border activity in the construction sector. Other on-the-spot checks are planned at Benelux level (e.g. in the transport sector).

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the development of cooperation and administrative assistance on social security
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Belgium and Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>Il s'agit d'un accord-cadre au sens du droit international public (traité) qui a pour base juridique principale l'article 8,2 du règlement n°883/2004. Le présent Traité s'applique aux personnes relevant du champ d'application personnel du Règlement ainsi qu'aux personnes qui demandent ou perçoivent des prestations d'assistance sociale visée par la législation hollandaise sur l'assistance sociale ainsi qu'aux prestations belges légales, non contributives, soumises à des conditions de ressources et qui sont allouées aux personnes en situation de besoin. De manière générale, ce traité entend renforcer l'assistance mutuelle entre les institutions de sécurité sociale des deux Etats membres dans le cadre de la lutte contre les fraudes et erreurs. De manière plus précise, ce traité prévoit les bases juridiques en vue de permettre le rapprochement et comparaison de fichiers de données entre les institutions de sécurité sociale des deux Etats membres. En outre, ce traité prévoit une coopération en matière de prestations (lutter contre les cumuls de prestations pouvant conduire au refus d'octroi des prestations à leur suspension voir suppression), en matière de recouvrement de cotisations sociales et de répétition d'indu. Le traité instaure une coopération en matière de contrôle entre les services d'inspection/de contrôle des deux parties par la possibilité de mettre en œuvre des contrôles conjoints sur le territoire des deux parties. Enfin, le traité renforce la coopération en matière de contrôle du détachement des travailleurs en conférant une force juridique contraignante à la décision A1 adoptée par la commission administrative pour la coordination des systèmes de sécurité sociale. Ce traité fixe, par conséquent, le cadre juridique instituant la coopération précitée. Sur le plan de la mise en œuvre, un arrangement administratif déclinant les modalités d'exécution entre les deux parties a été conclu. Sur la base du cadre juridique ainsi institué par l'accord-cadre et l'arrangement administratif, les institutions de sécurité sociale sont amenées à conclure entre elles des conventions de coopération.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the</b>	Federal Level (but mixed treaty)

<b>competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	6/12/2010
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Brussels
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	21/9/2015  Loi du 26/1/2014 portant assentiment au Traité entre le Royaume de Belgique et le Royaume des Pays-Bas pour le développement de la coopération et de l'entraide administrative en matière de sécurité sociale, fait à Bruxelles le 6 décembre 2010 (1) (2) (3), p. 58921.
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1/10/2015
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	MB: 21-09-2015 numéro: 2014015240 page : 58921
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/loi/loi.htm">http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/loi/loi.htm</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Not available
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	See summary above
<b>Any additional information</b>	See summary above

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Government of the French Republic for the development of cooperation and administrative assistance on social security
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Belgium and France
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>Il s'agit d'un traité au sens classique du droit international public conclu sur la base du règlement 1408/71 (CEE) du Conseil, du 14 juin 1971. Cet accord est destiné à réduire la fraude, les erreurs et les abus et à garantir l'efficacité des droits sociaux. Cet accord-cadre fixe les droits et obligations des parties contractantes ; les mesures de détail feront l'objet d'arrangements administratifs conclus entre ministres concernés, ceci afin d'offrir l'environnement juridique nécessaire aux institutions de sécurité sociale des deux Etats leur permettant ainsi de régler l'aspect opérationnel de la coopération par la conclusion de conventions. Cet accord international qui prévoit une coopération maximale entre les Etats-parties permet ainsi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- l'échange de flux de données entre les deux pays dans le respect strict des garanties de la protection de la vie privée ; (datamatching, etc.)</li> <li>- une coopération optimisée concernant la vérification de l'octroi des prestations sociales;</li> <li>- l'échange d'agents en vue d'effectuer des contrôles sur le territoire de l'autre partie;</li> <li>- l'instauration d'une chambre de médiation pour connaître par la voie du règlement amiable de tous problèmes d'interprétation liés au détachement ;</li> <li>- une procédure d'exequatur permettant la reconnaissance et l'exécution des décisions judiciaires ou administratives définitives en matière de récupération de cotisations sociales ou de prestations sociales indues.</li> </ul> <p>Pour la France comme pour la Belgique, c'est la première fois qu'un accord prévoit la transmission et le croisement de fichiers entre deux pays pour lutter contre la fraude.</p> <p>Ce traité a été conclu avant l'entrée en vigueur au 1/5/2010 des nouveaux règlements européens de coordination n°s 883/2004 et 987/2009 et a donc pour base juridique l'article 6 du règlement n°1408/71. C'est pour cette raison que le traité bilatéral contient également des dispositions sur l'exequatur des décisions en vue du recouvrement des cotisations sociales. Toutefois, le traité contient une clause de révision automatique afin de tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur des nouveaux règlements : les dispositions du traité bilatéral</p>

<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Federal Level (but mixt treaty)
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	17/11/2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Paris
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	21/9/2015 Loi du 7/9/2012 portant assentiment à l'Accord entre le Gouvernement du Royaume de Belgique et le Gouvernement de la République française pour le développement de la coopération et de l'entraide administrative en matière de sécurité sociale, fait à Paris le 17 novembre 2008.
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	30/11/2015
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	MB: 20-11-2015 numéro: 2013015025 page : 69668
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/loi/loi.htm">http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/loi/loi.htm</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Not available
<b>Scope of the agreement:</b>	See summary above

<b>(administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	
<b>Any additional information</b>	See summary above

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Kingdom of the Luxemburg on the development of cooperation and administrative assistance on social security
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Belgium and Luxemburg
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>Traité bilatéral au sens classique du droit international public conclu sur la base de l'article 6,2 du règlement européen de coordination des systèmes de sécurité sociale. Cet accord est destiné à réduire la fraude, les erreurs et les abus et à garantir l'efficacité des droits sociaux. Cet accord-cadre fixe les droits et obligations des parties contractantes ; les mesures de détail feront l'objet d'arrangements administratifs conclus entre ministres concernés, ceci afin d'offrir l'environnement juridique nécessaire aux institutions de sécurité sociale des deux Etats leur permettant ainsi de régler l'aspect opérationnel de la coopération par la conclusion de conventions. Cet accord international qui prévoit une coopération maximale entre les Etats-parties permet ainsi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- La communication et le transfert de données entre les institutions concernées des deux pays dans le respect strict des garanties de la protection de la vie privée ; (datamatching, etc.)</li> <li>- une coopération optimisée concernant la vérification de l'octroi des prestations sociales (admissibilité ; ressources ; cumul ; vérification lors du versement, etc)</li> <li>- Un renforcement de la coopération pour le contrôle des détachements – les parties donnant « plein effet » aux décisions adoptées par la commission administrative pour la coordination des systèmes de sécurité sociale en matière de détachement de travailleurs</li> <li>- l'échange d'agents en vue d'effectuer des contrôles conjoints sur le territoire de l'autre partie;</li> <li>- une coopération en matière de contrôle des arrêts de travail</li> </ul>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the</b>	Federal Level (not mixt treaty) –treaty's scope = social security branches which fall under competence of the Federal State

<b>government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	Le traité a été signé le 5/2/2015 et approuvé par la chambre (Parlement) le 4/5/2016.
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Brussels
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	.
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	The Treaty entered into force on 01/10/2016. Le parlement Luxembourgeois a approuvé le traité en mars 2016.
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	See summary above
<b>Any additional information</b>	See summary above



### 2.3. Bulgaria

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Treaty between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Federal Republic of Germany regarding cooperation in combating cross-border abuse of benefits and social security contributions from employment and unregistered employment, as well as illegal cross-border temporary employment
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Republic of Bulgaria and Federal Republic of Germany
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The provisions regulate cooperation in combating cross-border abuse of benefits and social security contributions from employment and unregistered employment, as well as illegal cross-border temporary employment
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Treaty between states
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	12 November 2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Sofia, Bulgaria
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	16 September 2009
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1 July 2010
<b>End of the agreement (if</b>	n/a

<b>applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	SG, n.55 from 20.07.2010
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=POLICIESI&amp;I=269&amp;lang=">https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=POLICIESI&amp;I=269&amp;lang=</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation, exchange of data for fraud in basically all branches of social security
<b>Any additional information</b>	

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Letter of intent between the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy, in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social security regulations
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Bulgaria and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The purpose of the letter of intent is to improve and intensify the bilateral cooperation concerning the combating of illegal work, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social security regulations.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Letter of intent
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	19 November 2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Sofia, Bulgaria
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	19 November 2008
<b>End of the agreement (if</b>	n/an/a

<b>applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/an/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=POLICIESI&amp;I=269&amp;language=">https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=POLICIESI&amp;I=269&amp;language=</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>The competent authorities and institutions support each another in combating illegal work and in the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and in the enforcement of social security regulations subject to national law then in effect, particularly by means of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. exchanging information on the organization and activities of the supervisory and implementing authorities and institutions;</li> <li>b. designating of contact persons at these authorities and institutions;</li> <li>c. jointly planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>d. performing joint risk assessments and database comparisons to aid such assessments, subject to national law then in effect concerning the protection of personal data,</li> <li>e. exchanging information about working methods and methods of supervision;</li> <li>f. responding to requests for information;</li> <li>g. communicating on their own initiative (spontaneous communications);</li> <li>h. assisting in the investigation of the circumstances of an occupational accident or in connection with the handling of a complaint;</li> <li>i. temporary exchanges of workers.</li> </ol>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Letter of intent between the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Department of Work and Pensions of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on cooperation concerning the social policy in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social security regulations
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Republic of Bulgaria and United Kingdom
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The purpose of the letter of intent is to improve and intensify the bilateral cooperation concerning the combating of illegal work, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, prevention of cross-border labour exploitation and forced labour, and the enforcement of social security regulations.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Letter of intent
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	16 October 2014
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Luxembourg
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	16 October 2014
<b>End of the agreement (if</b>	n/an/a

<b>applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/an/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=POLICIESI&amp;I=269&amp;language=">https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=POLICIESI&amp;I=269&amp;language=</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>The competent authorities and institutions support each another in combating illegal work and in the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and in the enforcement of social security regulations subject to national law then in effect, particularly by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. exchanging information on the organization and activities of the supervisory and implementing authorities and institutions;</li> <li>b. designating of contact persons at these authorities and institutions;</li> <li>c. jointly planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>d. performing joint risk assessments and database comparisons to aid such assessments, subject to national law then in effect concerning the protection of personal data,</li> <li>e. exchanging information about working methods and methods of supervision;</li> <li>f. responding to requests for information;</li> <li>g. communicating on their own initiative (spontaneous communications);</li> <li>h. assisting in the investigation of the circumstances of an occupational accident or in connection with the handling of a complaint;</li> <li>i. exchanges of experts from competent authorities.</li> </ul>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

## 2.4. Croatia

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement on electronic exchange of data needed for regular payments of pensions in order to prevent undue payments caused by death of pension beneficiary
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Croatia and Slovenia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>By that Agreement, the signatories exchange information about death of the Croatian pension beneficiaries living in Slovenia and the Slovenian pension beneficiaries living in Croatia.</p> <p>By commencement of the electronic data exchange, the beneficiaries are not obliged any more to deliver their Life Certificates to both countries. Also, the information about death is available to the competent institution in a due time, preventing thus any possible undue payments.</p> <p>The stated electronic data exchange is performed by the secure IT methods and tools providing highest level of personal data protection.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement between competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	29.12.2013.
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Zagreb

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	April 2014
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/an/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation and exchange of structured digital data.  It cover pensions sector.
<b>Any additional information</b>	



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between Croatian pension insurance institute and Social Insurance Institution of Poland on electronic exchange of data in order to prevent undue payments caused by death of pension beneficiary
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Croatia and Poland
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>By that Agreement, the signatories exchange information about death of the Croatian pension beneficiaries living in Poland and the Polish pension beneficiaries living in Croatia.</p> <p>By commencement of the electronic data exchange, the beneficiaries are not obliged any more to deliver their Life Certificates to both countries. Also, the information about death is available to the competent institution in a due time, preventing thus any possible undue payments.</p> <p>The stated electronic data exchange is performed by the secure IT methods and tools providing highest level of personal data protection.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement between competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	24.11.2015.
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Warsaw

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01.12. 2015.
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/an/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation and exchange of structured digital data.  It cover pensions sector.
<b>Any additional information</b>	

## 2.5. Czech Republic

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Smlouva mezi vládou České republiky a vládou Francouzské republiky o výměně údajů a spolupráci v oblasti pojistného a při potírání zneužívání dávek sociálního zabezpečení
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Czech Republic, France
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Cooperation and exchange of information in the field of collection of the contributions, illegal employment and misuse of benefits.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ratified by president
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	11.7.2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Chantilly
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.4.2011
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	For an Indefinite period
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	Official Journal (Sb. m.s. 39/2011)

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.mpsv.cz/files/clanky/11473/Smlouva_CR_FR.pdf">http://www.mpsv.cz/files/clanky/11473/Smlouva_CR_FR.pdf</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Cooperation and exchange of data in the field of insurance contributions and in the field of combating against misuse of social security benefits.</p> <p>Branches of social security correspond to matters covered by Reg. 1408/71 and 574/72, respectively Reg. 883/04 and 987/09. Further the agreement covers: other benefits of social security that are not covered by the given Regulations, social care for disabled persons, help in material need, social services.</p>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Ujednání mezi Ministerstvem práce a sociálních věcí České republiky a Spolkovým ministerstvem financí Spolkové republiky Německo o spolupráci při boji proti nelegálnímu zaměstnávání, neohlášené výdělečné činnosti a nelegálnímu najímání přeshraničních pracovníků a s tím souvisejícímu přeshraničnímu zneužívání sociálních dávek a neodvádění pojistného
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Czech Republic, Germany
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Cooperation and exchange of information in the field of misuse of benefits.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	28.8.2009
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Praha
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	25.5.2010
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	For an indefinite period
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	Official Journal (Sb.m.s. 63/2010)

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.mpsv.cz/files/clanky/11471/Smlouva_CR_NE.pdf">http://www.mpsv.cz/files/clanky/11471/Smlouva_CR_NE.pdf</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Cooperation in the field of insurance contributions and in the field of combating against misuse of social security benefits.</p> <p>Branches of social security correspond to matters covered by Reg. 1408/71 and 574/72, respectively Reg. 883/04 and 987/09.</p> <p>Further the arrangement covers combating against illegal employment, illegal hiring of crossborder workers.</p>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum o spolupráci mezi Ministerstvem práce a sociálních věcí České republiky a Ministerstvem sociálních věcí a zaměstnanosti Nizozemského království o výměně údajů a přeshraniční spolupráci při potírání podvodů při mezinárodním vysílání pracovníků a boji proti nelegálnímu zaměstnávání
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Czech Republic, Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Data exchange and cross border cooperation, combating fraud in international posting of workers and combating illegal employment
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	memorandum
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	28.11.2007
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Prague
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.2.2008
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	Official Journal (Sb. m.s. 10/2008)

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://docs.minszw.nl/pdf/135/2010/135_2010_1_26165.pdf">http://docs.minszw.nl/pdf/135/2010/135_2010_1_26165.pdf</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	
<b>Any additional information</b>	



## 2.6. Denmark

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between The Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela), the Finnish Centre for Pensions (ETK), The Social Insurance Administration of Iceland (Tryggingastofnun), the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV), the Swedish Pension Agency and the Danish Udbetaling Danmark (UDK) concerning co-operation and exchange of information via secure e-mail on social security and payment of benefits
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Norway, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Denmark.
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>Agreement between competent institutions on the basis on provisions for co-operation laid down in Council Regulation (EC) 883/2004 on exchange of data and SED's and e-forms via secure e-mail.</p> <p>Technical details defined bilaterally.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	23 February 2016
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Last signature: Finland
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1 January 2016

<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative  Structured and ad hoc exchange of data electronically for the purpose of promoting cost-effective administration of social benefits administered by the participants to the agreement and for the purpose of combating fraud and error.
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Technical Agreement on Exchange of Data – Deutsche Post AG Renten Service & Udbetaling Danmark
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Germany and Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Agreement between competent institutions on exchange of data regulated directly under the framework of Regulations (EC) No. 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Technical agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	17 March 2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	17 March 2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative agreement.  Structured exchange of data on deaths of beneficiaries from Germany living in Denmark and beneficiaries from Denmark living in Germany.
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (ZUS) in Poland and Udbetaling Danmark (UDK) in Denmark on electronic exchange of data for purpose of dead beneficiaries identification
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Agreement between competent institutions on electronic exchange of data on deaths in order to minimize overpayments caused by unreported deaths of pensioners.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	22 November 2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	22 November 2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative agreement.  Structured exchange of data on deaths of beneficiaries of old-age pensions, invalidity pensions and survivor's pensions.
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Partnership agreement between Cnav and ATP, Udbetaling Danmark on the reciprocal electronic reporting of deaths
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	France and Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Agreement between competent institutions on electronic exchange of death information, pursuant to Regulations (EC) No. 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Partnership agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	25 January 2018
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	25 January 2018
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative agreement.  Structured electronic exchange of death information files on persons residing in France while receiving a benefit from Denmark, as well as persons residing in Denmark while receiving a benefit from France's general old-age insurance scheme.
<b>Any additional information</b>	Not yet implemented



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Partnership agreement between Sociale verzekeringsbank (SVB) and ATP, Udbetaling Danmark on the reciprocal electronic reporting of deaths
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Netherlands and Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Agreement between competent institutions on electronic exchange of death information, pursuant to Regulations (EC) No. 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	28 June 2018
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	28 June 2018
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative agreement.  Structured electronic exchange of death information files on persons residing in the Netherlands while receiving a benefit from Denmark, as well as persons residing in Denmark while receiving a benefit from the Netherlands general pension scheme.
<b>Any additional information</b>	Not yet implemented

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between The Central Compensation Office (CCO/ZAS) of the Swiss Confederation and Udbetaling Danmark (UDK) in Denmark on electronic exchange of data for the purpose of identification of dead beneficiaries
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Switzerland and Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Agreement between competent institutions on electronic exchange of data on deaths in order to minimize overpayments caused by unreported deaths of pensioners.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	17 October 2018
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1 November 2018
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative agreement.  Structured exchange of data on deaths of beneficiaries of old-age pensions, invalidity pensions and survivor's pensions.
<b>Any additional information</b>	Expected implementation in the fall of 2022.

## 2.7. Estonia

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between State Social Insurance Agency of the Republic of Latvia and Social Insurance Board of the Republic of Estonia for information on pension beneficiaries exchange in electronic form
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Latvia and Estonia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Pension institutions of Latvia and Estonia electronically exchange information on the change of residence or death of mutual pension receivers.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	14.01.2016
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	-
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	14.01.2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the</b>	n/a

<b>Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Digital exchange of data on monthly basis.
<b>Any additional information</b>	-

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between the State Social Insurance Fund Board under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania and the Social Insurance Board of the Republic of Estonia on the electronic exchange of information about pensioners
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Lithuania and Estonia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of information about death or migration of the recipients of pensions
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	17 March 2016
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	-
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	17 March 2016
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Digital exchange of data on monthly basis.
<b>Any additional information</b>	-



## 2.8. Finland

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Deutsche Rentenversicherungin sekä Kansaneläkelaitoksen (Kela) ja Eläketurvakeskuksen välinen sopimus Deutsche Rentenversicherungin eurooppalaisesta online-tietopalvelusta  tietojen saamiseksi saksalaisista vakuutus- ja eläketiedoista
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Finland, Germany
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The German parties allow the Finnish parties to use an automated way of gaining information from Germany when applying the Regulations.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	13.2.2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.5.2008
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the</b>	n/a

<b>Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between  The Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela), the Finnish Centre for Pensions (ETK), the Social Insurance Administration of Iceland (Tryggingastofnun), the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV), the Swedish Pensions Agency and the Danish Udbetaling Danmark (UDK)  concerning co-operation and exchange of information via secure e-mail on social security and payment of benefits
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The Nordic countries have signed an agreement on using secure email connections between social insurance institutions
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Institution
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	n/a
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Finland, Sweden, Norway
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The exchange of life certificates between Finland (both ETK and Kela) and Sweden and Norway
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	n/a
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Finland, Germany
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The exchange of death information between ETK and Germany (Deutsche Post)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	n/a
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	n/a
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a



## 2.9. Germany

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Treaty of 11 June 2012 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Austria on cooperation in combating undeclared cross-border work and illegal cross-border temporary work
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	DE <-> AT
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Combating cross border undeclared work and illegal cross-border temporary work
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc.)</b>	Treaty between states
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	11/06/2012
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Vienna
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01/08/2013
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Not applicable

<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	BGBl. 2013 II pp. 104, 105
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	<a href="http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBI#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213s0104.pdf%27]_1469599757464">http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBI#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213s0104.pdf%27]_1469599757464</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc.) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc.), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc.</b>	Administrative cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital and non-digital), in cases of fraud concerning basically all branches of social security
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Treaty of 12 November 2008 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Bulgaria on cooperation in combating cross-border social security benefit and contribution fraud in employment and undeclared employment, and illegal cross-border temporary work
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	DE <-> BG
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Combating cross-border social security benefit and contribution fraud
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc.)</b>	Treaty between states
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	12/11/2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Sofia
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01/07/2010
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the</b>	BGBl. 2009 II pp. 771, 773

<b>Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBl#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl209s0771.pdf%27]_1469553556829">http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBl#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl209s0771.pdf%27]_1469553556829</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc.) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc.), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc.</b>	Administrative cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital and non-digital), in cases of fraud concerning basically all branches of social security
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement of 28 August 2009 between the Federal Ministry of Finance of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry for Employment and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic on cooperation in combating illegal employment, undeclared work, illegal cross-border temporary work and the related cross-border abuse of social benefits and non-payment of social security contributions
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	DE <-> CZ
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Combating illegal employment, undeclared work and illegal cross-border temporary work and the related abuse of social benefits and non-payment of social security contributions
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc.)</b>	Agreement between the competent German and Czech Ministries
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	28/08/2009
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Prague
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	25/05/2010
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	BGBl. 2010 II p. 154, 155, 160
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBl#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213s0104.pdf%27]_1469599757464">http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBl#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213s0104.pdf%27]_1469599757464</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc.) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc.), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc.</b>	Administrative cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital and non-digital), in cases of fraud concerning basically all branches of social security
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Administrative agreement between the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry for Employment and Solidarity of the French Republic on cooperation in combating undeclared work and the related cross-border abuse of social benefits related to gainful employment, and in the field of cross-border temporary work
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	DE <-> DR
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Combating undeclared work and cross-border related abuse of social benefits related to gainful employment, and in the field of cross-border temporary work.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc.)</b>	Agreement between the competent German and French ministries
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	31/05/2001
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Berlin
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	31/05/2001
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	BGBl. 2001 II p. 721
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBl#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl201s0721.pdf%27]_1469602110208">http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?startbk=Bundesanzeiger_BGBl#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl201s0721.pdf%27]_1469602110208</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc.) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc.), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc.</b>	Administrative cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital and non-digital), in cases of fraud concerning basically all branches of social security
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Treaty of 12 January 2012 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on cooperation in combating cross-border employment-related social security benefit and contribution fraud, abuse of basic security benefits for job seekers and undeclared work and illegal cross-border temporary work
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	DE <-> NL
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Combating cross-border employment related social security benefit and contribution fraud, abuse of basic security benefits for job seekers and undeclared work and illegal cross-border temporary work
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Treaty
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc.)</b>	Treaty between states
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	12/01/2012
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	The Hague
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01/10/2013
<b>End of the agreement (if</b>	n/a

<b>applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	BGBl. 2013 II pp. 378, 380
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?start=%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213009.pdf%27]#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213009.pdf%27]_1469526756713">http://www.bgbl.de/xaver/bgbl/start.xav?start=%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213009.pdf%27]#_bgbl_%2F%2F*[%40attr_id%3D%27bgbl213009.pdf%27]_1469526756713</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc.) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc.), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc.</b>	Administrative cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital and non-digital), in cases of fraud concerning basically all branches of social security
<b>Any additional information</b>	n/a

## 2.10. Ireland

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the ROI, UK and NI
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	ROI, UK and NI
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland concerning co-operation and mutual assistance in the administration of social security schemes was signed on the 9th October 2000.</p> <p>Under the MOU procedures have been implemented to ensure that all information requests and data exchanges are made through a single point of contact in each jurisdiction.</p> <p>A Cross Border Operational Forum operates under the MOU. The Cross-Border Operational Forum comprises of senior fraud managers from the Department of Social Protection, the Department for Work and Pensions (UK) and the Northern Ireland Social Security Agency of the Department for Social Development. The Forum's remit is to liaise at operational level and ensure that measures are in place to ensure effective co-operation, prevention and detection of fraud.</p> <p>The five main and common areas of fraud risk for all jurisdictions are Shadow Economy, Cross jurisdictional claiming, identity fraud, non-residency and undeclared income.</p> <p>The forum continues to look at areas and opportunities for data exchanges.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	MoU
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Director General level within Institutions.

<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	9th October 2000
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Ireland
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	9th October 2000.
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/an/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/an/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Not available
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative, co-operation, exchange of data
<b>Any additional information</b>	

## **2.11. Italy**

As regards the **recognition of periods of academic study undertaken abroad** (Presidential Decree No 189/2009, Article 5 of Law No 148/2002, Article 2 of Legislative Decree No 184/1997), the Institute has collaborated closely with the Ministry of Education, through the establishment of a dedicated mailbox by which the social security institution asks the Ministry of Education to validate the qualifications submitted by applicants for benefits.

For the **transfer of pension rights** of officials of the European Communities (Application of Article 11 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities, Regulation No 723/2004 of 22 March 2004), the Institute, in order to improve dialogue with the Community administrations and manage this area consistently, continuing the work undertaken during 2014, has established a centre of expertise at Avellino.

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Technical and procedural arrangement between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale (INPS) to further enhance efficiency in the implementation of the social security Agreement between Australia and the Italian Republic, signed September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1993 and of the administrative arrangements of the social security Agreement between Australia and the Italian Republic.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Australia and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The scope of the Arrangement is to define the processes enabling both Institutions to achieve the following result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of the most rapid and efficient operational management of the mutual pension records through electronic means.</li> <li>• Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence.</li> <li>• Timely exchange of pension rates paid by both Institutions to mutual customers.</li> <li>• Agreed procedures and methods of collaboration to prevent and eliminate fraud.</li> </ul>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Technical and procedural arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Liason agencies for the administrative Arrangement on Social Security between Australia and Italian Republic.
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	9 August 2012
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	9 August 2012

<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions
<b>Any additional information</b>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	INPS and German Institutions agreed that it was not necessary to enter into a formal agreement and that the legal basis of the exchange was established by the rules of the Social Security Regulations European and the decisions concerning the Commission. The death's data electronic exchange between INPS and German Institutions was defined during several meetings.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Germany and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Minutes of the meeting accepted by the Parties
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1 July 2009
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a



<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions
<b>Any additional information</b>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Electronic exchange of information to enhance efficiency on mutual practices' management.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Switzerland and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2015, January 14th
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	2015, January 14th
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Electronic exchange of information to improve the efficiency of administrative procedures for implementing for implementing Council Regulation (EC) no. 883 of 29 April 2004, as amended by Regulation (EC) no. 988 of 16th September 2009, and by the implementing Regulation (EC) no. 987 of 16th September 2009.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Netherlands and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	August 2016
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	August 2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Indefinite duration.
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Technical arrangement concerning co-operation and mutual assistance  in the administration of social security programmes
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	United Kingdom and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Indefinite duration.
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Electronic exchange of information in order to improve the efficiency of administrative procedures
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Indefinite duration.
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a



<p><b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Electronic exchange of information in order to improve the efficiency of administrative procedures
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Belgium and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Electronic exchange of information in order to improve the efficiency of administrative procedures
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	France and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (renewable once)
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Electronic exchange of information in order to improve the efficiency of administrative procedures
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Croatia and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 (renewableonce)
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Electronic exchange of information in order to improve the efficiency of administrative procedures
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Luxembourg and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Timely exchange of information concerning the death of mutual customers in the Country of residence to avoid undue payments.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Exchange of official notes
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	National social security Institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Indefinite duration
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a



<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative cooperation to avoid overpayments or undue payments through digital data exchange in the field of mutual pensions</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

## 2.12. Latvia

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between the State Social Insurance Fund Board of the Republic of Lithuania and the State Social Insurance Agency of the Republic of Latvia on exchange of information on pension receivers electronically (05.08.2011)
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Lithuania and Latvia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Pension institutions of Latvia and Lithuania electronically exchange information on the change of residence or death of mutual pension receivers.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement has been concluded between competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	05.08.2011
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	-
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	05.08.2011
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data regarding pension receivers
<b>Any additional information</b>	-

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between the National Social Insurance Board of the Republic of Estonia and the State Social Insurance Agency of the Republic of Latvia on exchange of information on pension receivers electronically (14.01.2016)
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Estonia and Latvia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Pension institutions of Latvia and Estonia electronically exchange information on the change of residence or death of mutual pension receivers.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement has been concluded between competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	14.01.2016
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	-
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	14.01.2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Exchange of data regarding pension receivers</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	<p>-</p>

## 2.13. Lithuania

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Arrangement on electronic exchange of information
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Lithuania – Latvia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of information about death or migration of the recipients of benefits
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2011
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Vilnius, Riga
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	5 August 2011
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Reduced number of overpayments of pensions due to faster exchange of information about death of recipient
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Digital exchange of data on monthly basis. Only long-term benefits, i.e. social insurance pensions, accident at work periodical allowances.
<b>Any additional information</b>	-

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Arrangement on electronic exchange of information about pension recipients
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Lithuania - Estonia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of information about death or migration of the recipients of pensions
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between competent institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	17 March 2016
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Vilnius
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	17 March 2016
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if</b>	n/a



<b>applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Reduced number of overpayments of pensions due to faster exchange of information about death of recipient
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Digital exchange of data on monthly basis.
<b>Any additional information</b>	-

## 2.14. Luxembourg

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between the Governments of Luxembourg and France for the development of the cooperation and administrative mutual aid in the field of social security
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Luxembourg and France
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Besides the general provisions in Part I, the agreement has three more parts, each regulating a specific field of cooperation. Part II concerns the general principles of cooperation, as data protection issues and the transmission of data files for comparison. Moreover, it is foreseen that institutions should respond within a certain deadline to the requests of information from institutions of the other Contracting State. Part III concerns the cooperation in the field of benefits, particularly with respect to exchanging information about the residence of a claimant or beneficiary in a Contracting State or, in order to prevent undue payments, about his income or benefits provided. Furthermore, institutions of one Contracting State may ask the institutions of the other State to make targeted investigations about the personal situation of a claimant or beneficiary, as to his family, civil status, residence or income. Part IV concerns the cooperation in the field of applicable legislation. So, Luxembourg and French institutions shall control certain facts when issuing A1 documents, in particular the worker's submission to the legislation of the sending State before posting, the fact of normal activity of the concerned enterprise and the maintaining of the link between the worker and the employer during posting. Procedures are foreseen as well in case of contesting of an A1 document and its withdrawal. Finally, Part V concerns the cooperation in the field of controls, particularly concerning the correct determination of social security contributions, the examination of postings, the verification of possible undue payments of benefits and the justification of sickness leaves. So authorized representatives from the institutions of one country may be present during controls made on the territory of the other country by the competent institution thereof.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Level of the government

<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	11.04.2011 (competent minister of France) 17.06.2011 (competent minister of Luxembourg)
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Luxembourg and France
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	26.02.2013
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01.11.2014
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n.a.
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	Mémorial 38 from 5th of March 2013 Entry into force: Mémorial A 166 of 22nd of August 2014
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2013/0038/a038.pdf#page=2">http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2013/0038/a038.pdf#page=2</a> <a href="http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2014/0166/a166.pdf#page=4">http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2014/0166/a166.pdf#page=4</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	A first assessment was made during a bilateral meeting on 27th of March 2015. Both parties concluded that the cooperation between institutions is working well and that a follow-up meeting will be organized between representatives of the competent ministries and institutions in the near future.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation Exchange of data All branches
<b>Any additional information</b>	



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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between the Governments of Luxembourg and Belgium on the cooperation and administrative mutual aid in the field of social security
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Luxembourg and Belgium
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Besides the general provisions in Part I, the agreement has three more parts, each regulating a specific field of cooperation. Part II concerns the general principles of cooperation, as data protection issues and the transmission of data files for comparison. Moreover, it is foreseen that institutions should respond within a certain deadline to the requests of information from institutions of the other Contracting State. Part III concerns the cooperation in the field of benefits, particularly with respect to exchanging information about the residence of a claimant or beneficiary in a Contracting State or, in order to prevent undue payments, about his income or benefits provided. Furthermore, institutions of one Contracting State may ask the institutions of the other State to make targeted investigations about the personal situation of a claimant or beneficiary, as to his family, civil status, residence or income. Part IV concerns the cooperation in the field of applicable legislation. So, during the posting procedure, Luxembourg and Belgian institutions shall check the compliance with all conditions for posting as defined in the decisions of the Administrative Commission. Finally, Part V concerns the cooperation in the field of controls, particularly concerning the correct determination of social security contributions, the examination of postings, the verification of possible undue payments of benefits and the justification of sickness leaves. So authorized representatives from the institutions of one country may be present during controls made on the territory of the other country by the competent institution thereof.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of</b>	Level of the government

<b>the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	05.02.2015
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Brussels
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	05.04.2016
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01.10.2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n.a.
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	Mémorial A 62 of 15.04.2016 Entry into force: Mémorial A 166 of 17.08.2016
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2016/0062/a062.pdf#page=2">http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2016/0062/a062.pdf#page=2</a> <a href="http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2016/0166/a166.pdf#page=5">http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/2016/0166/a166.pdf#page=5</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation Exchange of data All branches, except long term care benefits and family benefits
<b>Any additional information</b>	

## 2.15. Malta

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Data Exchange Agreement
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Malta and the United Kingdom
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>This agreement comprises a series of activities to be undertaken by both parties in order to maximize the potential of such an arrangement. Such actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The exchange of the full case load on an annual basis – which includes the details of all Maltese pensioners residing in the UK and vice-versa</li> <li>- The identification of the mutual pensioners (on the basis of the full-case load)</li> <li>- The weekly exchange of reported deaths which occurred in both countries</li> <li>- The exchange of a 6-weekly update report which includes the details of new pensioners</li> </ul>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Institutional Level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	July 2011
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	By correspondence
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	July 2011

<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Not Available
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative agreement
<b>Any additional information</b>	



## 2.16. The Netherlands

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Joint Declaration Social Summit Benelux of 13 February 2014
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The agreement aims to strengthen the cooperation in the enforcement of laws and regulations in the field of social policy and employment, in particular with regard to the fight against fraud, social dumping and exploitation.</p> <p>The cooperation will take place both in the practical implementation of their laws and regulations in cross-border situations, and in a joint approach to enforcement issues within the EU.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	13 February 2014
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Brussels, Belgium
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	13 February 2014

<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	<a href="https://www.government.nl/documents/publications/2014/02/13/joint-declaration-social-summit-benelux">https://www.government.nl/documents/publications/2014/02/13/joint-declaration-social-summit-benelux</a>
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Ministers in charge of the Labour Inspectorates are tasked with the implementation of this agreement and will report regularly to the Prime Ministers.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>The governments of the Benelux countries will initiate a number of specific actions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aiming for a rapid implementation or in anticipation of the Directive for the enforcement of the provision applicable to the posting of workers, notably with regard to joint and several liability and enhanced control measures, and initiating a number of pilot projects on inspecting cross-border subcontracting chains and liability, and cross-border enforcement of administrative fines and penalties;</li> <li>• Supporting each other in their actions to curb abuse, notably by improving exchange of information on fraud and social dumping cases, both within the framework of Benelux cooperation, and on the European Union level;</li> <li>• The signing and implementation of the Benelux Treaty on cross-border cooperation on road transport inspections, in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further harmonize supervision on enforcement of European Union rules;</li> <li>- To use advantages of scale in the areas of capacity, expertise, experience and training;</li> <li>- Arrange mutual cross-border assistance of inspection services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stimulating the exchange of best practices including ways of improving identity controls at working places and instruments to fight fraud, social dumping and unfair competition hurting in particular SMEs.</li> </ul>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Letter of intent between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Netherlands and Bulgaria
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The aim of the Letter of Intent is to improve and intensify the cooperation concerning the combating of undeclared work, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations. Rules concerning the handing of requests for information and spontaneous communications and data protection are included as well.</p> <p>Although it the Letter of Intent is not concluded in the framework of Regulations (EC) No 883/2004 and 987/2009, the authorities involved in the administration of the social security schemes should be party to intensifying the cooperation, as these authorities have at their disposal part of the information that may be of interest for the enforcement of the regulations concerning the terms and conditions of employment, and for the enforcement of social assistance regulations.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Letter of intent
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	19 November 2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	19 November 2008
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	A working group will has been given the task to evaluate the functioning of the Letter of Intent.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation and enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and in the enforcement of social security regulations subject to national law, in particular by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exchanging information on the organization and activities of the supervisory and implementing authorities and institutions;</li> <li>- designating of contact persons at these authorities and institutions;</li> <li>- jointly planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>- performing joint risk assessments and data base comparisons;</li> <li>- exchanging information about working methods and methods of supervision;;</li> <li>- responding to requests for information;</li> <li>- communicating on their own initiative (spontaneous communication);</li> <li>- assisting in the investigation of the circumstances of an occupational accident, and the exchange of reports and documents;</li> <li>- Temporary exchanges of workers.</li> </ul> <p>The requests for information may relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the characteristics, organization and activities of an undertaking with cross-border activities;</li> <li>- the employment relationship between an undertaking and any of its posted workers in the receiving country;</li> <li>- the posted workers,;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the circumstances of an accident at the workplace,</li> <li>- the application or recipient of social assistance benefits</li> </ul> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- social security (as far as necessary for the cooperation in combating illegal labour and enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Joint Statement on cooperation and the exchange of information in the fight against fraud and abuse in the Bulgarian and Dutch Labour markets
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Bulgaria and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The Joint Statement reiterates the Letter of Intent on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy, in case of cross-border labour and services and the enforcement of the social security regulations as approved by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands of 19 November 2008.</p> <p>The Joint Statement aims to guarantee, by all possible means, improved organization, intensified cooperation between the parties and the prioritization of the fight against fraud and abuse and the implementation of additional work arrangements.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Joint Statement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	20 June 2013
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Luxembourg, Luxembourg
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	20 June 2013
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<p><b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	<p>The results of the intensified cooperation will be evaluated.</p>
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Parties have agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provide risk information for the labour inspectorates;</li> <li>- provide information on bonafide Dutch staffing agencies that have a certificate with the Sichtung Normering Arbeid (SNA);</li> <li>- determining and certifying the legislation applicable to posted workers;</li> <li>- distribute information about working in both countries to potential migrants.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	List on the Exchange of information between the Social Insurance Institutions of the Netherlands and Cyprus as agreed on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of January 2014 concerning Applicable Legislation
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Netherlands and Cyprus
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>During a meeting between the Delegations of the Netherlands and Cyprus on Free Movement of Labour in Nicosia on 22 and 23 January, it was agreed to use a standard list for future exchange of information to facilitate the competent institution's investigations on issues of applicable legislation and the correctness of the issuing of the PD A1.</p> <p>It was also agreed that institutions will inform each other spontaneously when either party becomes aware of factual circumstances in cases of investigations for fraud or the occurrence of error concerning PD A1s already issued.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Administrative document
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Representatives of both ministries
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	23 January 2014
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Nicosia, Cyprus
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	23 January 2014
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a



<p><b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Information concerning the identification of companies, employers and employees can be exchanged, as well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- information on the salary paid;</li> <li>- start and end dates of the employment contract;</li> <li>- if social security benefits have been received from the country where the enterprise is established and the nature of these benefits;</li> <li>- if PD A1, P1, S1 or U1 has been issued, and</li> <li>- If any requests have been received on the basis of Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic on data exchange and cross-border cooperation in combating fraud in transnational posting of workers and illegal labour.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Netherlands and the Czech Republic
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The Memorandum of Understanding aims to improve and intensify the cooperation in combating of fraud in transnational posting of workers and illegal labour, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations. Rules concerning the handing of requests for information and spontaneous communications and data protection are included as well.</p> <p>Although it the Memorandum of Understanding is not concluded in the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009, the authorities involved in the administration of the social security schemes should be party to intensifying the cooperation, as these authorities have at their disposal part of the information that may be of interest for the enforcement of the regulations concerning the terms and conditions of employment, and for the enforcement of social assistance regulations.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	28 November 2007
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Prague, Czech Republic
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1 March 2008
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	The implementation of the Memorandum will be periodically evaluated by representatives of the Contracting parties and administrative bodies.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation and data exchange in particular by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exchanging information on the organization, activities and working methods;</li> <li>- designating of the competent contact persons at these bodies;</li> <li>- jointly planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>- performing joint risk assessments and data base comparisons;</li> <li>- exchanging information about working methods and methods of oversight;</li> <li>- mutual assistance and responding to requests for information;</li> <li>- communicating on their own initiative (spontaneous communication), and</li> <li>- short-term exchanges of their workers.</li> </ul> <p>The requests for information may relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the characteristics, organization and activities of an undertaking with cross-border activities;</li> <li>- the employment relationship between an undertaking and any of its posted workers in the receiving country;</li> <li>- the posted workers;</li> <li>- the circumstances of an accident at the workplace,</li> <li>- the application or recipient of social assistance benefits and</li> <li>- social security (as far as necessary for the cooperation in combating undeclared work and enforcement of the rules on</li> </ul>

	terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services).
<b>Any additional information</b>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement concerning administrative cooperation for the fight against illegal work and the respect of social rights in cases of cross-border movements of workers and services.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The French Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The agreement aims to organise the cooperation between the administrative bodies responsible for the fight against illegal work and the execution of measures aimed to prevent fraud at temporary placements or posting of workers. Second, its purpose is to promote the enforcement of the legislation concerning illegal work and the applicable social security legislation.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	15 May 2007
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	13 August 2009
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	The agreement is evaluated on a yearly basis. Meetings to discuss any problems in the practical arrangements will be organized twice a year.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation and enforcement measures in particular by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- organising communication and awareness-raising activities for enterprises and workers who will be involved in posting situations or cross-border provision of services;</li> <li>- organising joint prevention measures</li> <li>- exchanging administrative data to verify if the conditions for posting under Directive 96/71/EC and Regulation 883/2004 have been fulfilled;</li> <li>- short-term exchange of staff for observation and information traineeships at the inspectorates or liason offices.</li> </ul>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Labour and Pension System of the Republic of Croatia and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on data exchange and cross-border cooperation in combating of fraud and error in transnational posting of workers and undeclared work.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Croatia and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding is to improve and intensify the cooperation concerning the combating of undeclared work, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social security and social assistance. Rules concerning the handing of requests for information and spontaneous communications and data protection are included as well.</p> <p>Although it the Memorandum of Understanding is not concluded in the framework of Regulations (EC) No 883/2004 and 987/2009, the authorities involved in the administration of the social security schemes should be party to intensifying the cooperation, as these authorities have at their disposal part of the information that may be of interest for the enforcement of the regulations concerning the terms and conditions of employment, and for the enforcement of social assistance regulations.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	9 December 2013
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Brussels, Belgium

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	N/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1 April 2014
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Representative of the Contracting parties and the administrative bodies will periodically evaluate its implementation.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation and data exchange in particular by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exchanging information on the organization, activities and working methods;</li> <li>- designating of the competent contact persons at these bodies;</li> <li>- jointly planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>- performing joint risk assessments and data base comparisons;</li> <li>- mutual assistance and responding to requests for information;</li> <li>- communicating on their own initiative (spontaneous communication), and</li> <li>- short-term exchanges of their workers.</li> </ul> <p>The requests for information may relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the characteristics, organization and activities of an undertaking with cross-border activities;</li> <li>- the employment relationship between an undertaking and any of its posted workers in the receiving country;</li> <li>- the posted workers,;</li> <li>- the circumstances of an accident at the workplace,</li> <li>- the application or recipient of social assistance benefits and</li> <li>- social security (as far as necessary for the cooperation in combating undeclared work and fraud and error.</li> </ul>



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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Joint Declaration on cooperation and exchange of information in the field of social policy by the Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland and the Minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The aim of the Joint Declaration is to intensify the cooperation between Poland and the Netherlands in matters concerning mobility with the express purpose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increase the mutual knowledge and understanding of the rules and traditions that prevail on the labour market in each of the countries;</li> <li>- foster proper conditions for posted and migrant workers in each of the countries;</li> <li>- break down inexpedient barriers for free movement of workers and service providers</li> <li>- exchange good practices on managing labour migration from third countries.</li> </ul> <p>In order to attain the above-mentioned purposes and to ensure the rights at work of migrant workers both parties will cooperate to establish an adequate system of communication and information provision for Polish citizens working in the Netherlands and Dutch citizens working in Poland.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Joint Declaration
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	16 April 2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	The Hague, the Netherlands

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	16 April 2008
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Representatives have been appointed who will report about the developments in communication and information provision, information exchange and cross-border enforcement of laws and regulations.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation by stimulating the process of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exchanging information on the organization and activities of the competent oversight. Enforcement and implementing bodies;</li> <li>- designating competent contact persons;</li> <li>- Jointly planning and implementing activities aimed at improving awareness of regulations in force;</li> <li>- exchanging information about working methods and methods of oversight;</li> <li>- exchanging good practices concerning management of migrations of third-country nationals.</li> </ul> <p>Among others, the cooperation between the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment in the field of exchange of information as regards the functioning of the social assistance and family allowances systems of both countries will be stimulated.</p>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity of the Portuguese Republic and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy, in case of transnational labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Portugal and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The Memorandum of Understanding aims to improve and intensify the cooperation concerning the fight against undeclared work, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of transnational labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations. Rules concerning the handing of requests for information and spontaneous communications and data protection are included as well.</p> <p>Although it the Memorandum of Understanding is not concluded in the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009, the authorities involved in the administration of the social security schemes should be party to intensifying the cooperation, as these authorities have at their disposal part of the information that may be of interest for the enforcement of the regulations concerning the terms and conditions of employment, and for the enforcement of social assistance regulations.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	13 September 2007
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Lisbon, Portugal
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	13 September 2007
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	The implementation of the Memorandum will be periodically evaluated by a Working Group composed of representatives of the Contracting parties and administrative bodies.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation and data exchange in particular by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exchanging information on the organization, activities and working methods;</li> <li>- designating of the competent contact persons at these bodies;</li> <li>- jointly planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>- exchanging information about control and working methods and best practices;</li> <li>- responding to information requests on the transnational hiring-out of workers</li> <li>- Exchanging information on inspective actions taken to ensure the compliance with the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of transnational labour and services, and social assistance regulations;</li> <li>- assisting in the investigation of the circumstances of an occupational accident or in connection with the handling of a complaint;</li> <li>- jointly planning information campaigns and making available basic knowledge on work conditions in the other country to people interested in working abroad, and</li> <li>- exchanging information within the framework of posting of workers and temporary agency work.</li> </ul>
<b>Any additional information</b>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection in Romania on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy in case of cross-border labour and services.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Netherlands and Romania
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The Memorandum of Understanding aims to improve the cross-border cooperation and enforcement concerning the combating of illegal work, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of the rules in the field of social assistance. Rules concerning the handing of requests for information and spontaneous communications and data protection are included as well.</p> <p>Although it the Memorandum of Understanding is not concluded in the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009, the authorities involved in the administration of the social security schemes should be party to intensifying the cooperation, as these authorities have at their disposal part of the information that may be of interest for the enforcement of the regulations concerning the terms and conditions of employment, in case of cross-border labour and services.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement signed at ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	1 July 2010
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Bucharest, Romania
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	<p>The memorandum is periodically evaluated by a working group made up of representatives from the administrative bodies directly involved in the cooperation of the Memorandum.</p> <p>Meetings have been organized with the inspection services.</p>
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation and enforcement in particular by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exchanging information on the organization and activities of the oversight and enforcement bodies;</li> <li>- designating the competent contact persons at these bodies;</li> <li>- planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>- performing joint risk assessments and data base comparisons;</li> <li>- exchanging information about working methods and methods of oversight;</li> <li>- responding to requests for information; communicating on their own initiative;</li> <li>- assisting in the investigation of the circumstances of an occupational accident, and the exchange of reports and documents;</li> <li>- assisting in connection with the handling of complaints;</li> <li>- exchange of experts and developing and disseminating information material regarding working conditions and regulations in order to avoid illegal employment situations.</li> </ul> <p>The requests for information may relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the characteristics, organization and activities of an undertaking with cross-border activities;</li> <li>- the employment relationship between an undertaking and any of its posted workers in the receiving country;</li> <li>- the posted workers;</li> <li>- the circumstances of an accident at the workplace;</li> <li>- the application or recipient of social assistance benefits and social security (as far as necessary for the cooperation in combating undeclared work and enforcement of the rules on</li> </ul>

	terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services).
<b>Any additional information</b>	



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between The Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic on cooperation concerning enforcement of the rules on social policy, in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The Netherlands and the Slovak Republic
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding is to improve and intensify the cooperation concerning the combating of undeclared work, the enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services, and the enforcement of social assistance regulations. Rules concerning the handing of requests for information and spontaneous communications and data protection are included as well.</p> <p>Although it the Memorandum of Understanding is not concluded in the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009, the authorities involved in the administration of the social security schemes should be party to intensifying the cooperation, as these authorities have at their disposal part of the information that may be of interest for the enforcement of the regulations concerning the terms and conditions of employment, and for the enforcement of social assistance regulations.</p>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	6 November 2006
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	The Hague, the Netherlands

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	6 November 2006
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	A Central Committee made up by the representatives of the signatories and administrative bodies shall periodically evaluate the functioning of the Memorandum.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation and enforcement in particular by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exchanging information on the organization and activities of the oversight and enforcement bodies;</li> <li>- designating of the competent contact persons at these bodies;</li> <li>- jointly planning and implementing of preventive measures in their respective areas of operation;</li> <li>- performing joint risk assessments and data base comparisons;</li> <li>- exchanging information about working methods and methods of oversight;</li> <li>- responding to requests for information;</li> <li>- communicating on their own initiative (spontaneous communication);</li> <li>- assisting in the investigation of the circumstances of an occupational accident, and the exchange of reports and documents;</li> <li>- assisting in connection with the handling of complaints;</li> <li>- exchange of experts and developing and disseminating information material regarding working conditions and regulations in order to avoid illegal employment situations.</li> </ul> <p>The requests for information may relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the characteristics, organization and activities of an undertaking with cross-border activities;</li> <li>- the employment relationship between an undertaking and any of its posted workers in the receiving country;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the posted workers;</li> <li>- the circumstances of an accident at the workplace,</li> <li>- the application or recipient of social assistance benefits and;</li> <li>- social security (as far as necessary for the cooperation in combating illegal labour and enforcement of the rules on terms and conditions of employment in case of cross-border labour and services).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Netherlands concerning co-operation and mutual assistance in the administration of social security and social assistance programmes.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	The United Kingdom and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a programme of mutual administrative assistance, which will include exchanges of information and provision of assistance with specific investigations and enquiries as are permitted by the Participants' respective domestic law.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	25 February 2004
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	London, United Kingdom
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	N/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	25 February 2004
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	The Memorandum of Understanding is reviewed quinquennially. A Management Committee has been established to carry out an ongoing review of policy and procedures relating to the programme.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	The Memorandum of Understanding applies to the benefits and national social security legislation and Regulations made there under as administered by the administrative bodies.
<b>Any additional information</b>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland on cooperation concerning application and enforcement of the rules on migrant workers and cross-border social security, labour and services.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The Memorandum of Understanding aims to improve and intensify administrative cooperation in the enforcement of rules and regulations in the field of labour, particularly against exploitation of employees and self-employed EU migrant workers, and guaranteeing the legitimacy of benefit payments, as well as the fight against fraud, error and abuse in social security. In the field of social security and the application of Regulation 883/2004, Parties aim to intensify administrative co-operation, for example in the field of the export of unemployment benefits.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Ministerial level
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	15 December 2021
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Warsaw, Poland
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	15 December 2021

<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	A working group will evaluate the evaluate the functioning of the Memorandum.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation
<b>Any additional information</b>	

## 2.17. Poland

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between the Deutsche Rentenversicherung (German Pension insurance) and the Social Security Institution, the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund, the Pension Benefit Institution of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Military Pension Office in Warsaw on the European Information Online System of the German Pension Insurance regarding access to the German insurance and pension data of citizens of the EU / EEA Member States and of Swiss citizens.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Germany
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	<p>The agreement allows for automated access to the German insurance history and German pensions' amounts stored by the Deutsche Rentenversicherung (<b>DRV</b>)</p> <p>KRUS and ZUS use this information when assessing the right and the correct amount of pension awarded under EU Regulations on coordination of social security systems, which includes assessing the right to the supplement under Article 58 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 (supplement to the minimum benefit) and carrying out checks on the accuracy of the granting of benefits already paid.</p> <p>Access to the said data is also used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- verification of address data of the beneficiaries;</li> <li>- checking if the beneficiaries residing in Germany are still alive and reside there;</li> <li>- acquisition of information regarding the registration in the German insurance system of persons subject to the social insurance of farmers at the same time.</li> </ul>
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	agreement between social security institutions



<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	the last signature presented on 22.11.2011
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a (signatures collected through correspondence)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.12.2011
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative agreement providing automated access for the Polish social security pension institution, agricultural insurance institution and civil servants scheme insurance institutions to the German insurance and pensions amounts data of citizens of the EU / EEA Member States and of Swiss citizens stored by the DRV .
<b>Any additional information</b>	<p><u>Reporting institutions:</u></p> <p><b>Agricultural Social Insurance Fund</b> (Kasa Rolniczego Ubezpieczenia Społecznego – <b>KRUS</b>)</p> <p><u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash</p> <p><u>Branches of social security:</u> Sickness, Maternity/Paternity, Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors’ pension, Accidents at</p>

work/Occupational diseases, Death grants, Recovery of contributions, Offsetting, Applicable Legislation

Personal coverage: Scheme for farmers and household members

**Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department** (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – **ZUS, DRZ**)

Type of benefits: Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)

Branches of social security: Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors' pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting

Personal coverage: Scheme for employees and self-employees

Reporting institution: **Pension Benefit Institution of Ministry of the Interior and Administration** (Zakład Emerytalno-Rentowy Ministerstwa Spraw Wewnętrznych i Administracji)

Type of benefits: Benefits in cash

Branches of social security: Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors' pension, Death grants, Offsetting

Personal coverage: Scheme for civil servants

Reporting institution: **Military Pension Office** (Wojskowe Biuro Emerytalne)

Type of benefits: Benefits in cash

Branches of social security: Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors' pension, Death grants, Offsetting

Personal coverage: Scheme for civil servants

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Technical agreement on the exchange of data on deaths between Deutsche Post AG Renten Service and the Social Insurance Institution.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Germany
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	arrangement between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	last signature presented on 12.11.2014
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a (signatures collected through correspondence)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.12.2014
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<p><b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b></p>	<p>In the year 2021, the monthly electronic exchange of information about deaths of ZUS pensioners residing in Germany resulted in 681 101 euro savings being an amount of benefits which were not overpaid because of 466 identified deaths.</p> <p>The electronic exchange of information on deaths of pensioners reduced an increase in number of overpayments and reduced their amounts.</p>
<p><b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b></p>	<p>Administrative arrangement laying down the procedure for electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS.</p> <p>For this aim fixed data set is exchanged. Additionally, data may be transmitted when complaints and appeals lodged by beneficiaries are considered.</p>
<p><b>Any additional information</b></p>	<p><u>Reporting institution:</u></p> <p><b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b>)</p> <p><u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)</p> <p><u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors' pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting</p> <p><u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees</p>

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the Department for Social Development of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (Social Insurance Institution - ZUS) in Poland concerning co-operation and mutual assistance in the administration of social security.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and United Kingdom
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	MoU introduces co-operation and mutual assistance in the administration of social security and is the basis for the conclusion of supplementary agreements.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	MoU between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	last signature presented on 16.07.2013
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a (signatures collected through correspondence)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	16.07.2013
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>MoU is the basis for closer administrative cooperation and foresees the possibility to transfer the relevant information in order to implement programs of mutual administrative assistance to which the MoU and supplementary agreements refer to, including information on individuals.</p> <p>MoU concerns fields of competencies of ZUS subject to coordination under the Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009.</p>
<b>Any additional information</b>	<p><u>Reporting institution:</u></p> <p><b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b>)</p> <p><u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)</p> <p><u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors' pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting</p> <p><u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees</p>

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Supplementary Arrangement to Support Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the Department for Social Development of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.  And the Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (Social Insurance Institution - ZUS) in Poland.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and United Kingdom
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Introduces electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	arrangement between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	last signature presented on 6.04.2016
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a (signatures collected through correspondence)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.05.2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	In the year 2021, the monthly electronic exchange of information about deaths of ZUS pensioners residing in UK resulted in over 97 613 euro savings being an amount of benefits which were not overpaid because of 74 identified deaths.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative arrangement introducing electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS.  For this aim fixed data set is exchanged electronically.
<b>Any additional information</b>	<p><u>Reporting institution:</u></p> <p><b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b>)</p> <p><u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)</p> <p><u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors’ pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting</p> <p><u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees</p>



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (Social Insurance Institution, ZUS) in Poland and Hrvatski zavod za mirovinsko osiguranje (HZMO) in Croatia on electronic exchange of information for the purpose of identifying the deceased beneficiaries.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Croatia
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Introduces electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	arrangement between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	last signature presented on 24.11.2015
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a (signatures collected through correspondence)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01.12.2015
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	In the year 2021, the monthly electronic exchange of information about deaths of ZUS pensioners residing in Croatia resulted in over 4 516 euro savings being an amount of benefits which were not overpaid because of 1 identified death.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative arrangement introducing electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS.  Fixed data set is exchanged.
<b>Any additional information</b>	<p><u>Reporting institution:</u></p> <p><b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b>)</p> <p><u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)</p> <p><u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors’ pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting</p> <p><u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees</p>

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (Social Insurance Institution, ZUS) in Poland and Pensionsmyndigheten in Sweden on electronic exchange of data for purpose of death beneficiaries' identification.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Sweden
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Introduces electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	arrangement between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	last signature presented on 16.12.2014
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a (signatures collected through correspondence)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	1.01.2015
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	In the year 2021, the monthly electronic exchange of information about deaths of ZUS pensioners residing in Sweden resulted in over 107 628 euro savings being an amount of benefits which were not overpaid because of 123 identified deaths.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative arrangement introducing electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS.  For this aim fixed data set is exchanged electronically.
<b>Any additional information</b>	<u>Reporting institution:</u>  <b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b> )  <u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)  <u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors’ pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting  <u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych - ZUS in Poland (Social Insurance Institution) and Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale – INPS in Italy (National Social Security Institution) on electronic exchange of data.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Italy
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Introduces the program of electronic exchange of information between ZUS and INPS in order to minimize incorrect payments of pensions. The program enables to identify the beneficiaries of the Parties, to inform about the deaths and to obtain the information on amount of benefits necessary to analyze the entitlement to pension benefits and calculation of their total amount. Some statistical information exchange and sharing best practices concerning electronic exchange of death data are also agreed.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	arrangement between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	last signature presented on 28.07.2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a (signatures collected through correspondence)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	28.07.2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	<p>So far the electronic exchange of information on deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living on the territory of the second MS was introduced.</p> <p>In the year 2021, the monthly electronic exchange of information about deaths of ZUS pensioners residing in Italy resulted in over 33 479 euro savings being an amount of benefits which were not overpaid because of 16 identified deaths.</p>
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation arrangement introducing electronic exchange of information which enables to identify the pension benefits beneficiaries of the Parties living in the second MS, to inform about the deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries and to obtain the information on amount of benefits necessary to analyze the entitlement to pension benefits and calculation of their total amount.</p> <p>For this aim fixed data set is exchanged electronically.</p>
<b>Any additional information</b>	<p><u>Reporting institution:</u></p> <p><b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b>)</p> <p><u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)</p> <p><u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors' pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting</p> <p><u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees</p>

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Arrangement between Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (ZUS) in Poland and Sociale Verzekeringsbank (SVB) and Uitvoeringsinstituut Werknemersverzekeringen (UWV) in The Netherlands on electronic exchange of data for purpose of death beneficiaries identification.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Introduces the program of electronic exchange of information between ZUS and SVB and UWV in order to minimize incorrect payments of pensions. The program enables to identify the beneficiaries of the Parties living in the second MS, to inform about the deaths and to obtain the information necessary to analyze the entitlement to pension benefits. Sharing best practices concerning electronic exchange of death data is also agreed.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	arrangement between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	11.10.2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Warsaw, Poland
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	11.10.2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	In the year 2021, the monthly electronic exchange of information about deaths of ZUS pensioners residing in the Netherlands resulted in over 20 125 euro savings being an amount of benefits which were not overpaid because of 19 identified deaths.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	<p>Administrative cooperation arrangement introducing electronic exchange of information which enables to identify the pension benefits beneficiaries of the Parties living in the second MS, to inform about the deaths and to obtain the information necessary to analyze the entitlement to pension benefits.</p> <p>For this aim fixed data set is exchanged electronically.</p>
<b>Any additional information</b>	<p><u>Reporting institution:</u></p> <p><b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b>)</p> <p><u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)</p> <p><u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors’ pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting</p> <p><u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees</p>



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Agreement between Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (ZUS) in Poland and Udbetaling Danmark (UDK) in Denmark on electronic exchange of data for purpose of dead beneficiaries' identification
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Poland and Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Introduces electronic exchange of death data between ZUS and UDK in order to minimize overpayments of pension benefits caused by unreported deaths of pensioners living in the territory of the second MS.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	arrangement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	arrangement between social security institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	last signature presented on 22.11.2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Warsaw, Poland
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	22.11.2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	In the year 2021, the monthly electronic exchange of information about deaths of ZUS pensioners residing in Denmark resulted in over 12 925 euro savings being an amount of benefits which were not overpaid because of 20 identified deaths.
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Administrative cooperation arrangement introducing electronic exchange of information to enable identification of deaths of pension benefits beneficiaries living in the second MS.  For this aim fixed data set is exchanged electronically.
<b>Any additional information</b>	<u>Reporting institution:</u>  <b>Social Insurance Institution, Foreign Pensions Department</b> (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, Departament Rent Zagranicznych – <b>ZUS, DRZ</b> )  <u>Type of benefits:</u> Benefits in cash (in respect of long-term incapacity for work)  <u>Branches of social security:</u> Invalidity – state invalidity pension scheme, Old Age pensions – state pension scheme, Survivors' pension, Accident at work/Occupational diseases (other than referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation 987/2009, i.e. pensions), Death grants, Pre-retirement, Offsetting  <u>Personal coverage:</u> Scheme for employees and self-employees

## 2.18. Portugal

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	<p>ACORDO ENTRE</p> <p>O MINISTÉRIO DOS ASSUNTOS SOCIAIS E DA SAÚDE DA REPÚBLICA FRANCESA E</p> <p>O MINISTÉRIO DO TRABALHO, SOLIDARIEDADE E SEGURANÇA SOCIAL DA REPÚBLICA PORTUGUESA</p> <p>relativo à cooperação em matéria de luta contra a fraude no domínio da segurança social e à concretização do intercâmbio de informações em matéria de prestação de serviços internacional</p> <p>/</p> <p>ACCORD ENTRE</p> <p>LE MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES SOCIALES ET DE LA SANTÉ DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE ET</p> <p>LE MINISTÈRE DU TRAVAIL, SOLIDARITÉ ET SÉCURITÉ SOCIALE DE LA REPUBLIQUE PORTUGAISE</p> <p>relatif à la coopération en matière de lutte contre la fraude dans le domaine de la sécurité sociale et à la mise en place d'échanges en matière de prestation de service internationale</p>
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Portugal and France
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	The agreement provides for cooperation and administrative assistance between competent institutions, as well as cooperation on inspection to determine the validity of documents and certificates, correct assessment of contributions and verification of the conditions for posting.
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the</b>	Competent minister

<b>competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	15.02.2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Brussels
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	15.02.2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Not available
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Improve and intensify cooperation to ensure compliance with social security coordination regulations and in particular to combat fraud in cross-border provision of services and posting of workers.
<b>Any additional information</b>	

### **2.19. Romania**

No bilateral agreements are concluded.

## 2.20. Spain

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Data Exchange collaboration agreement between INSS, Spain, and SVB, the Netherlands
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Spain and the Netherlands
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data in order to analyze the right of beneficiaries of both parties to old-age, invalidity and survivors' pensions in their contributory mode; Pension supplements referred to in Article 58 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004; Sickness benefits in kind (health care), in order to determine the Member State responsible for taking on the corresponding costs and family benefits (economic allowance per child or dependent child).
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement signed by the Director General of the National Institute of Social Security and by the person in charge of International Social Relations Verzekeringsbank.
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	Signed on 15.07.2015 for INSS and on 22.12.2015 for SVB.
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Madrid and Amsterdam
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01.01.2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data
<b>Any additional information</b>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Data Exchange collaboration agreement between INSS, Spain, and CNAV, France
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Spain and France
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data in order to analyze the right of beneficiaries of both parties to old-age, invalidity and survivors' pensions in their contributory mode; Pension supplements referred to in Article 58 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004; Sickness benefits in kind (health care), in order to determine the Member State responsible for taking on the corresponding costs and family benefits (economic allowance per child or dependent child).
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement signed by the Director General of the National Institute of Social Security and by the Director General of the CNAV.
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	Signed on 08.12.2017
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Bordeaux, France
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	08.12.2017
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Data Exchange collaboration agreement between INSS, Spain, and The Swedish Pensions Agency, Sweden.
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Spain and Sweden
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data in order to analyze the right of beneficiaries of both parties to old-age, invalidity and survivors' pensions in their contributory mode; Pension supplements referred to in Article 58 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004. Sickness benefits in kind (health care) only Spanish side, in order to determine the Member State responsible for taking on the corresponding costs and family benefits (economic allowance per child or dependent child).
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Agreement signed by the Director General of the National Institute of Social Security and by the Director of the Swedish Pensions Agency.
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	Signed on 01.03.2019 for INSS and on 20.03.2019 for The Swedish Pensions Agency
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Spain and Sweden
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	01.04.2019
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a

<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data
<b>Any additional information</b>	

## 2.21. Sweden

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Sweden and Finland
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (date of death, civil status)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2004
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a

<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	

**Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems**

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Sweden and Norway
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (date of death, civil status)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2006
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	

Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems

<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Sweden and Denmark
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (date of death, civil status)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2008
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	



Bilateral agreement or bilateral cooperation arrangement with other EU or EEA Member State(s) entered into for the purposes of combating fraud and error within the framework of Regulations (EC) Nos 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems	
<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Sweden and Germany
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (date of death, civil status)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2009
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Sweden and United Kingdom
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (date of death, civil status)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2012
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	2015
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Sweden and Poland
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (date of death, civil status)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2015
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Sweden and Spain
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (date of death, civil status)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2019
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of</b>	n/a

<b>the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	



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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	<p>Agreement between</p> <p>The Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela), the Finnish Centre for Pensions (ETK),</p> <p>the Social Insurance Administration of Iceland (Tryggingastofnun), the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV), the Swedish Pensions Agency and the Danish Udbetaling Danmark (UDK)</p> <p>concerning co-operation and exchange of information via secure e-mail on social security and</p> <p>payment of benefits</p> <p>Effective as of 1 January 2016</p>
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances (civil status, amounts, address etc)
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding ...)</b>	Agreement
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, level of the government, the competent minister, institutions etc)</b>	Between institutions
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	2015
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	n/a

<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	2016
<b>End of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your country (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a"))</b>	n/a
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not, please state "n/a")</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	n/a
<b>Scope of the agreement: (administrative and/or judicial etc) cooperation, exchange of data (ad hoc, structured, digital/non-digital etc), only fraud or certain branches of social security etc</b>	Exchange of data – personal circumstances
<b>Any additional information</b>	

## 2.22. Switzerland

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<b>Title of the agreement</b>	Sterbedatenabgleich zwischen Deutschland und der Schweiz
<b>Names of the countries that are party to the Agreement</b>	Germany, Switzerland
<b>Brief summary of the relevant provisions (in English)</b>	Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in Germany and in Switzerland
<b>Type of agreement (treaty, agreement, arrangement, protocol, Memorandum of Understanding, etc.)</b>	Exchange of letters
<b>Level at which the agreement has been concluded (treaty between states ratified by parliament, at the federal or regional level, the government level, the competent minister, institutions, etc.)</b>	The bodies responsible for the social security benefits in question
<b>Date of signature of the agreement</b>	06.2007
<b>Place of signature of the agreement</b>	Berlin and Geneva (exchange of letters)
<b>Date of ratification (if applicable, if not , state 'n/a')</b>	n/a
<b>Date of entry into force of the agreement</b>	10.2010
<b>End date of the agreement (if applicable, if not , state 'n/a')</b>	n/a
<b>Official reference (publication in the Official Journal of your</b>	n/a

<b>country) (if applicable, if not , state 'n/a')</b>	
<b>Link to the official online publication of the agreement (if applicable, if not , state 'n/a')</b>	n/a
<b>Information on the assessment of the impact/effectiveness of this agreement (if available)</b>	Very effective.
<b>Scope of the agreement: cooperation (administrative and/or judicial, etc.), exchange of data (<i>ad hoc</i>, structured, digital/non-digital, etc.), only fraud or certain branches of social security, etc.</b>	old-age, survivor's and invalidity pension
<b>Any additional information</b>	The exchanges take place regularly and lead to continuous improvement measures (e.g. a planned extension of the exchange of data regarding the civil status of pensioners).

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<b>Titre de la convention</b>	Scambi telematici di informazioni per migliorare l'efficienza della gestione delle pratiche previdenziali di comune interesse
<b>Nom des pays parties à la convention</b>	Italie - Suisse
<b>Résumé des principales dispositions (en anglais)</b>	Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in Italy and in Switzerland
<b>Type de convention (traité, convention, accord, protocole, protocole d'accord, etc.)</b>	Echange de lettres
<b>Niveau auquel la convention a été conclue (traité entre les États ratifiés par le parlement, au niveau fédéral ou régional, au niveau du gouvernement, du ministre compétent, des institutions, etc.)</b>	Organismes d'application des assurances concernées
<b>Date de signature de la convention</b>	01.2015
<b>Lieu de signature de la convention</b>	Rome-Genève (échange de lettres)
<b>Date de ratification (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Date d'entrée en vigueur de la convention</b>	En production depuis le 27 janvier 2016.
<b>Fin de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Référence officielle (publication dans le journal officiel de votre pays (le cas échéant; si non applicable,</b>	n/a

<b>indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	
<b>Lien vers la publication en ligne officielle de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Information concernant l'évaluation de l'impact/efficacité de cette convention (si disponible)</b>	Des améliorations concernant certaines configurations sont en cours depuis avril 2016 (homonymie, doubles noms).
<b>Portée de la convention: coopération (administrative et/ou judiciaire, etc.), échange de données (ad hoc, structuré, numérique/non numérique, etc.), uniquement la fraude ou certaines branches de la sécurité sociale, etc.</b>	Pension de vieillesse, de survivant, et d'invalidité
<b>Toute information complémentaire</b>	Les échanges sont réguliers et donnent lieu à des mesures d'amélioration continue (ex. : projet d'extension des échanges des données concernant l'état civil des pensionnés).

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<b>Titre de la convention</b>	Acuerdo sobre intercambio de datos entre el INSS, España, y la Central de compensación de la Confederación Suiza
<b>Nom des pays parties à la convention</b>	Espagne - Suisse
<b>Résumé des principales dispositions (en anglais)</b>	Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in Spain and in Switzerland
<b>Type de convention (traité, convention, accord, protocole, protocole d'accord, etc.)</b>	Acuerdo
<b>Niveau auquel la convention a été conclue (traité entre les États ratifiés par le parlement, au niveau fédéral ou régional, au niveau du gouvernement, du ministre compétent, des institutions, etc.)</b>	Organismes d'application des assurances concernées
<b>Date de signature de la convention</b>	06.09.2017
<b>Lieu de signature de la convention</b>	Madrid-Genève (échange de lettres)
<b>Date de ratification (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Date d'entrée en vigueur de la convention</b>	En production depuis mai 2018.
<b>Fin de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Référence officielle (publication dans le</b>	n/a

<b>journal officiel de votre pays (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	
<b>Lien vers la publication en ligne officielle de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Information concernant l'évaluation de l'impact/efficacité de cette convention (si disponible)</b>	
<b>Portée de la convention: coopération (administrative et/ou judiciaire, etc.), échange de données (ad hoc, structuré, numérique/non numérique, etc.), uniquement la fraude ou certaines branches de la sécurité sociale, etc.</b>	Pension de vieillesse, de survivant, et d'invalidité
<b>Toute information complémentaire</b>	Les échanges sont réguliers et donnent lieu à des mesures d'amélioration continue (ex. : projet d'extension des échanges des données concernant l'état civil des pensionnés).



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<b>Titre de la convention</b>	Agreement on the Exchange of Data between ATP, Udbetaling Danmark (UDK) and the Central Compensation Office (CCO) of the Swiss Confederation
<b>Nom des pays parties à la convention</b>	Danemark - Suisse
<b>Résumé des principales dispositions (en anglais)</b>	Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in Denmark and in Switzerland
<b>Type de convention (traité, convention, accord, protocole, protocole d'accord, etc.)</b>	Agreement
<b>Niveau auquel la convention a été conclue (traité entre les États ratifiés par le parlement, au niveau fédéral ou régional, au niveau du gouvernement, du ministre compétent, des institutions, etc.)</b>	Organismes d'application des assurances concernées
<b>Date de signature de la convention</b>	17.09.2018 UDK / 17.10.2018 CdC
<b>Lieu de signature de la convention</b>	Copenague-Genève (échange de lettres)
<b>Date de ratification (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Date d'entrée en vigueur de la convention</b>	01.11.2018.
<b>Fin de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Référence officielle (publication dans le journal officiel de votre pays (le cas échéant; si</b>	n/a

<b>non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	
<b>Lien vers la publication en ligne officielle de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Information concernant l'évaluation de l'impact/efficacité de cette convention (si disponible)</b>	
<b>Portée de la convention: coopération (administrative et/ou judiciaire, etc.), échange de données (ad hoc, structuré, numérique/non numérique, etc.), uniquement la fraude ou certaines branches de la sécurité sociale, etc.</b>	Pensions de vieillesse de surviant e d'invalidité
<b>Toute information complémentaire</b>	27.02.2019 : UDK informe la CdC suspendre les travaux suite à restructuration interne

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<b>Titre de la convention</b>	Protocole définissant l'échange périodique des dates de décès entre la Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse (CNAV) et la Centrale de compensation (CdC)
<b>Nom des pays parties à la convention</b>	France - Suisse
<b>Résumé des principales dispositions (en anglais)</b>	Program of data exchanged in order to identify mutual death pensioners residing in France and in Switzerland
<b>Type de convention (traité, convention, accord, protocole, protocole d'accord, etc.)</b>	Protocole
<b>Niveau auquel la convention a été conclue (traité entre les États ratifiés par le parlement, au niveau fédéral ou régional, au niveau du gouvernement, du ministre compétent, des institutions, etc.)</b>	Organismes d'application des assurances concernées
<b>Date de signature de la convention</b>	18.08.2019 CNAV / 29.06.2019 CdC
<b>Lieu de signature de la convention</b>	Paris-Genève (échange de lettres)
<b>Date de ratification (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Date d'entrée en vigueur de la convention</b>	01.09.2019.
<b>Fin de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Référence officielle (publication dans le journal officiel de votre pays (le cas échéant; si</b>	n/a

<b>non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	
<b>Lien vers la publication en ligne officielle de la convention (le cas échéant; si non applicable, indiquez la mention «n/a»)</b>	n/a
<b>Information concernant l'évaluation de l'impact/efficacité de cette convention (si disponible)</b>	
<b>Portée de la convention: coopération (administrative et/ou judiciaire, etc.), échange de données (ad hoc, structuré, numérique/non numérique, etc.), uniquement la fraude ou certaines branches de la sécurité sociale, etc.</b>	Pensions de vieillesse et de survivant
<b>Toute information complémentaire</b>	Les échanges sont réguliers et donnent lieu à des tests qualité

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