

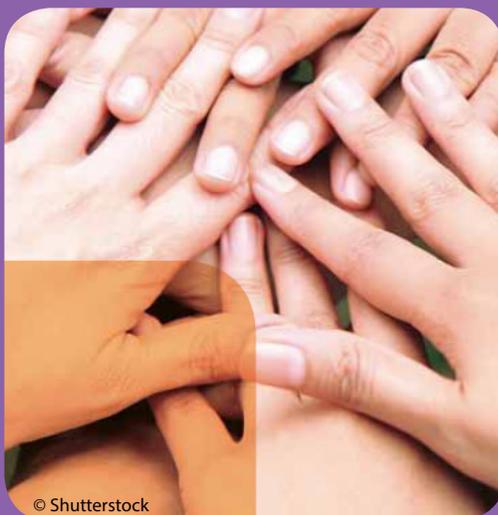
MISSOC - Mutual Information System on Social Protection / Social Security

Since it was established in 1990, the Mutual Information System on Social Protection/Social Security (MISSOC) has grown into a central information base for up-to-date and comprehensive data on social protection systems in all EU Member States, the three countries of the European Economic Area and Switzerland. The MISSOC information base is entirely electronic, and allows users not only to find descriptive or detailed information about social protection in a specific country, but also to compare the systems of different countries, in particular via structured tables. The MISSOC information base is accessible to everyone free of charge.

MISSOC Network

MISSOC is based on a close cooperation between:

- the European Commission: Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Unit D/3 Active Ageing, Pensions, Healthcare, Social Services
- the National Correspondents: a network of official representatives from the national ministries or institutions that are responsible for the area of social protection
- the MISSOC Secretariat: a team of experts appointed by the European Commission



For whom is MISSOC?

Individuals or organisations searching for information on social protection in other countries or wishing to compare, study and analyse several social protection systems. MISSOC is of particular interest to:

- Citizens and companies moving abroad
- Researchers and students
- Public authorities and social security administrations
- Policy makers

MISSOC information base

Thanks to the information gathered and updated by the National Correspondents, the MISSOC Network provides descriptive, topical as well as analytical information on social protection in English, French and German (and in 21 other EU/EEA languages for the Social Security Guides). The information base can be accessed via www.missoc.org or <http://ec.europa.eu/missoc>. It contains:

Comparative Tables: detailed, comparable and bi-annually (January and July) updated information about social protection schemes in all the participating countries, presented in the form of twelve tables, each divided into numerous categories. The national information in the Tables is complemented by cross-cutting introductions providing a horizontal perspective on the main concepts and principles of each social protection branch. The twelve tables are:

I. Financing
II. Health care
III. Sickness - cash benefits
IV. Maternity/paternity

V. Invalidity
VI. Old-age
VII. Survivors
VIII. Accidents at work & occupational diseases

IX. Family benefits
X. Unemployment
XI. Guaranteed minimum resources
XII. Long-term care

Charts and descriptions of the **Organisation of Social Protection** in each country, updated twice a year in January and July.

A description of the **Social Protection of the Self-employed** in each country, updated bi-annually in January and July.

MISSOC Social Security Guides: an overview of the main elements of the social protection branches in each country, aimed at explaining the systems in an accessible language to a broad audience, in particular citizens moving within Europe. The Guides are updated once a year (July) and are available in 24 EU/EEA languages.

MISSOC Info: an annual overview of the major trends in the social protection systems.

MISSOC Analysis: an analytical overview of significant developments on a selected topic of social protection. Produced twice a year.