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**WORKSHOP FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO THE EUROPEAN CODE OF SOCIAL SECURITY
ON THE CALCULATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS
AND THEIR REPLACEMENT RATES**

28 March 2023
(09:00-17:30 CET)

Council of Europe, Strasbourg (room 8, Palais)
Online via KUDO

AGENDA

Morning session (09:00-12:30)

1. Opening of the meeting.

Amaya Ubeda, Head of Governmental Committee Unit, Social Rights Department, COE

2. Introduction and overview of the system of international standards on social security.

Svetlana Mandzhieva, Legal Officer, International Labour Standards Department, ILO

3. States' compliance and reporting obligations under the European Code of Social Security (Code/ECSS) and general guidance on reporting under the Code.

- exchange of information on the main challenges national administrations face in fulfilling their reporting obligations;
- good practices in reporting as well as management of reporting obligations under various international and regional instruments on social security.

Svetlana Mandzhieva, Legal Officer, International Labour Standards Department, ILO

10:30-10:50 – Coffee break

4. Determination of the different parameters used for the calculation of benefits and the required replacement rates:

- determination of standard wage of a skilled manual male employee (Article 65 of the Code);
- determination of standard wage of an ordinary adult male labourer (unskilled) (Article 66 of the Code);
- calculation of replacement rates (same time basis, comparison of gross and/or net amounts, possible inclusion of supplementary pension schemes);
- determination of standard beneficiaries in each contingency, in accordance with the schedule to the Code.

Albrecht Otting, Social security expert, former civil servant of the German Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Afternoon session (14:00-17:30)

5. Specific requirements as regards the calculation of pensions payable in the event of old age, invalidity and death of the breadwinner:

- 'normal' periods of contribution, employment or residence;
- determination of the legal retirement age;
- determination of (full and partial) invalidity;
- modification of pension formula.

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6. Presentation of the model calculations, in accordance with the different Titles of the report form for the Code.

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7. Conclusions and follow-up.

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