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Exchange with the Department of Social Protection on the application of the European Code of Social Security by Ireland (focus on the length of qualifying period for entitlement of unemployment and sickness benefits) *

Dublin, Ireland
Department of Social Protection, Goldsmith House, Pearse St, Dublin 2
22 February 2024
(09:30-13:00 local time followed by lunch)

Agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Location</i>
09.45	Tea and coffee		Goldsmith House Conference Room
10.00	Welcome / Introduction by Chair	DSP Geraldine Hurley ASC Kieran Lea PO	As above
10.30	Outline of context and objectives of the meeting.	DSP Aongus Horgan AP	As above
10.45	Explanation of the requirements of Articles 17 and 23 of the European Code of Social Security.	ILO Luis C. Melero García	As above
	Comparative country practice and main policy considerations for the determination of the length of qualifying periods for entitlement to jobseekers and illness benefit.	ILO Luis C. Melero García	As above
11.15	Illness benefit (IE Position)	DSP Brian Duff PO David Kiely AP	As above
11.45	Jobseekers benefit (IE position)	DSP Eamonn Phelan AP	As above
12.15	Discussion on possible ways forward to meet conformity with the Code's requirements.	ILO - Luis C. Melero García COE - Niamh Casey/Tanya Montanari and DSP	As above
13.00	Next steps & AOB	DSP Geraldine Hurley ASC Kieran Lea PO	As above
13.15	LUNCH		The Trinity City Hotel, Pearse Street, Dublin 2

* This meeting is organised in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation.

Participants

Department of Social Protection's delegation of Ireland

Geraldine Hurley - Assistant Secretary

Kieran Lea - Principal Officer - EU/International Unit

Aongus Horgan - Assistant Principal Officer - EU/International Unit

Deirdre Bulman - Higher Executive Officer - EU/International Unit

Gary Fagan - Higher Executive Officer - EU/International Unit

Brian Duff - Principal Officer - PRSI Policy Unit

David Kiely - Assistant Principal Officer - PRSI Policy Unit

Eamonn Phelan - Assistant Principal Officer - Jobseekers and Farm Assist Policy Unit

ILO representative

Luis C. Melero García - Legal Specialist, Application of Standards Branch

International Labour Standards Department, NORMES

COE representatives

Niamh Casey - Head of Reporting Division, Department of Social Rights

Tanya Montanari - Coordinator of the ECSS, Department of Social Rights