



**Capacity raising and  
institutional development  
for the realisation of the  
negotiation process on  
bilateral agreements in the  
area of social protection**

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# GENERAL INTRODUCTION

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- **What is a bilateral agreement?**
- **How to decide to conclude an agreement?**
- **What are the advantages of concluding a bilateral agreement?**
- **Ratification process**
- **General overview of an agreement**



# WHAT IS A BILATERAL SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT?



# **AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES**

# **IN THE INTEREST OF THE CITIZENS**



# HOW TO DECIDE TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT?



**Legislation**

**Persons concerned**

**Financial or budgetary impact**

**Macro - economical elements**

**Political relation**



# WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF CONCLUDING A BILATERAL AGREEMENT?





**Both states want that their citizens are still protected for social security matters if they move or travel from one country to another**



## Guarantee :

- **that we keep our long term benefits**
- **that we can easily enter in the social system of the other country**
- **that in case of a temporary stay and sometimes of residence in the other country we maintain the advantages of the whole system**



# RATIFICATION PROCESS



**After signature**

**Different in each country**

**Approval by Parliament**

**Can take a long time**

**Exchange of diplomatic notes**

**Entering into force**



# ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

## LIAISON FORMS



# GENERAL OVERVIEW OF AN AGREEMENT



- **Definitions**
- **Material scope**
- **Personal scope**
- **Equality of treatment**
- **Applicable legislation**
- **Provisions for each branch**
- **Provisions regarding general matters**