



Social Security Co-ordination and Social Security Reforms

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REPORT

1st ROUND OF SPEAKING DAYS ON SOCIAL SECURITY CO-ORDINATION

between Serbia and Croatia

10 and 11 December 2008

Republican Fund for Pension and Invalidity Insurance
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In the framework of the IPA “Social Security Coordination and Social Security Reforms” (SSCSSR) Joint Programme between the Council of Europe and the European Commission, the first round of Speaking Days between Serbia and Croatia was organised on 10-11 December 2008 in Belgrade (Serbia). The programme and the list of participants are presented in Annex I and Annex II respectively.

The purpose of the meeting was notably to solve long-term pending cases concerning pension and health insurance rights based on the existing Social Security Agreement between Serbia and Croatia. The meeting also served to identify possible legal, administrative and/or procedural shortcomings in the Beneficiary Parties to this meeting and, the case need to be, decide whether, under the SSCSSR Programme, further activities could be organised to assist the Beneficiary parties in solving existing barriers in the coordination of social security rights.

The Delegations of both Beneficiary Parties were represented by experts and high level administrative officials from the health and pension insurance area.

List of clients who registered themselves for this Speaking Days was formed and all necessary data transferred to experts of both Beneficiary Parties several days before the event for the purpose of investigating possible problems. Participating experts were provided with blank application forms to be filled for those clients that will require further investigation regarding their case and for the clients who did not register, but attend Speaking Days. The list of beneficiaries is given in Annex III.

During the two days meeting 264 cases in total have been examined. 256 cases were from the area of pension insurance, while only 8 cases were from the health insurance field. Within this total number, there were 10 cases that required expertise in both fields: pension and health insurance.

According to the statistics prepared after the meeting, from the 254 cases in the pension field:

- 47 were related to the convalidation of the working periods;
- 24 were related to the calculation of the pensions according to the Article 39 of the Agreement on social insurance between Serbia and Croatia;
- 40 cases were concerned with the determination of working periods;
- 46 cases were related with gaining information about the conditions for acquiring pension right;
- 35 were related with speeding up the procedures for acquiring pension;
- 37 were concerned with the payment of the leftover pensions;

- 25 cases that were classified under the category “other”, since due to their particularity it was not possible to allocate them in any of the categories above.

The meeting has been conducted in a very positive atmosphere. Besides the cases solved, for the members of the Serbian and Croatian Delegation the fact that they have meet and had a chance to discuss all other issues connected with their activities related to the Serbian Croatian Bilateral Agreement on social insurance, was also of extreme importance.

The next round of Speaking Days between Serbia and Croatia has been scheduled for April 2009, in Zagreb, Croatia.



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PROGRAMME

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WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2008

09:00 – 12:00 Speaking days – practical cases

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch at hotel “Moskva”

14:00 – 16:30 Speaking days – practical cases

20:00 – 22 :00 Dinner at Hotel “Moskva”

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2008

09:00 – 12:00 Speaking days – practical cases

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch at hotel “Moskva”

14:00 – 16:30 Speaking days – practical cases and overview

20:00 – 22 :00 Dinner at Hotel “Moskva”



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