



NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT ON SOCIAL-SECURITY CO-ORDINATION

**Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
21 June 2006**

A National Training event on social security co-ordination in the light of EU and Council of Europe requirements and legal instruments took place on 21 June 2006, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The event was held in hotel Bosnia and 39 participants from the Ministry of Civil Affairs, Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees, Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Policy, Faculty of Political Sciences, Faculties of Law, Centres for Social Welfare, as well as members of non - governmental organisations attended the training.

Presentations were given by Mr. Sixto Molina, SISP Programme Manager, DG III- Social Cohesion, Council of Europe; by Prof. Francis Kessler, Professor at University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne, and lawyer at Gide, Loyrette, Nouel Paris, and by Mr. Bruno de Pauw, expert at the National Office for Social Security, International Agreements Service, Belgium, and lecturer at the University of Gent, Belgium.

The presentations covered the following subjects:

- the Council of Europe perspective and legal instruments for social security coordination;
- The personal scope and principles of applicable legislation;
- Pension benefits co-ordination;
- Unemployment benefits;
- Health care benefits;

Most presentations were followed by workshop in which the participants were invited to demonstrate the knowledge and understanding they had acquired of social security co-ordination, by solving practical case examples.

The training has been conducted in a very positive and constructive atmosphere, and the participants actively participated in the workshops.

Many of the participants expressed their interest in further training of this type, which they consider useful and needed, especially having in mind present aspirations of Bosnia and Herzegovina for full membership into the European Union .

Another National Training Event in Bosnia and Herzegovina is expected to be organised in Banja Luka, in October 2006.