



“SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPPORT PROGRAMME”

**NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT
ON SOCIAL-SECURITY CO-ORDINATION**

**Skopje, Macedonia
9 June 2006**

A National Training Event on social security co-ordination was organised in Skopje, Macedonia, on 9 June 2006.

The event has been organised in hotel Arka, and 34 participants from the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Pension and Disability Insurance Fund, Health Insurance Fund, Agency for employment and the Faculty of Social Sciences from the Skopje European University attended the training.

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

The presentations were given on the following subjects:

- Council of Europe perspective on social security coordination;
- Personal scope and four principles of social security co-ordination;
- Principles of applicable legislation;
- Pension benefit;
- Unemployment benefit;
- Health care benefits and
- Social security co-ordination in the Western Balkan region.

Almost all presentations were followed by workshop on which the participants had a chance to demonstrate their knowledge in the area of social security co-ordination through solving practical cases.

The training has been conducted in a very positive and constructive atmosphere. Almost all participants have expressed their interest for further organisation of this type of trainings as needed and useful for their every day work in the above mentioned area.