

**INTRODUCTION  
TO THE  
COORDINATION OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY SCHEMES**

# Legal Basis

- Article 42 of the Treaty
- Regulation 1408/71
- Regulation 574/72

# Aim of Community provisions

- to ensure that migrant workers and their family members do not lose their social security protection when moving within the Community

# Coordination vs Harmonisation

Coordination means that Member States are free to determine

- who is insured
- which benefits shall be provided
- value of benefits
- conditions of eligibility

# The 4 basic principles

- Only one legislation applicable
- Equality of treatment
- Exportation of benefits
- Aggregation of insurance periods

# Persons covered

- Employed and self-employed persons
- Pensioners
- Civil servants
- Students
- Family members, survivors and orphans
- Stateless persons and refugees

# Matters covered

- Sickness and maternity benefits
- Invalidity benefits
- Old-age benefits
- Accidents at work and occupational diseases
- Death grants
- Unemployment benefits
- Family benefits

# New Developments

- Extension of Regulation 1408/71 to third country nationals
- Simplification & Modernisation
- European Health Insurance Card



# New Regulation 883/2004

- Entered into force on 20 May 2004
- Applicable only from the date of the entry into force of the new implementing Regulation

# New Regulation 883/2004

## - Main Changes

- Extension of the personal scope
- Strengthening of the equal treatment principle
- Cross border recognition of facts
- New chapter on pre-retirement benefits
- New rules regarding frontier workers
- Principle of good administration

# Third country nationals

- extension of personal scope of Regulation 1408/71
- legal basis: Article 63 (4) EC
- opt-in : UK and Ireland
- opt-out: Danemark

# More information

Coordination of social security website on  
the Europa server

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment\\_social/social\\_security\\_schemes/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/social_security_schemes/index_en.htm)



**Questions?**

