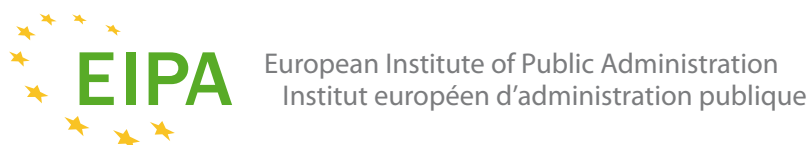


How can Member States better promote cross-border mobility?

The free movement of persons, recognition of qualifications and social security rights

Maastricht (NL), 22-23 April 2010



Introduction

Although EU citizenship facilitates the free movement of citizens within the European Union, people are faced with barriers when they decide to live or work in a Member State other than the one of their nationality. The seminar aims to help Member States identify measures that constitute barriers to worker and professional mobility so that these can be eliminated. In particular, it will address problematic areas of free movement and examine ways of helping Member State authorities to properly transpose and apply the provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC. The seminar will also examine EU rules on the recognition of foreign diplomas and professional qualifications, common problems of implementation, including enforcement, recent case law and instruments to successfully implement Directive 2005/36/EC. Furthermore, the seminar will focus on the social protection of mobile workers so as to enhance occupational mobility. In this context, it will analyse the new provisions for the coordination of social security rights, which Member States have to implement within the course of 2010, as well as problems on the preservation and transfer of acquired pension rights across Europe.

Methodology:

This seminar will be based on a mixture of presentations, discussions and workshops. It will stimulate active participation and sharing policy practices. Specific cases and experiences will be explored. Background documentation will also be provided in an online/e-learning set up. Speakers will include officials from the EU institutions, EIPA staff, academics and practitioners.

Target group:

This seminar is designed for public officials from national, regional and local authorities, consulates, National Contact Points and other public bodies from the EU Member States and candidate countries. It is also of interest to professionals in the private sector, lawyers, consultants, staff of NGOs, institutes and think tanks as well as others working on EU citizenship, rules for free movement and migration policies.

Programme

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 2010

08:45 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 Welcome

Prof. Dr Marga Pröhl, Director-General, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)

09:15 – 09:30 Opening and introduction to the seminar

Ms Katerina – Marina Kyrieri, Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)

Theme 1: Free movement of EU citizens and recognition of professional qualifications

09:30 – 10:30 The evolution of the free movement of persons and the application of relevant rules within the Stockholm Programme (2010-2014)

Ms Sheena McLoughlin, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, Brussels (BE)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/tea break

11:00 – 12:00 Guidelines and instruments for better implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC

Mr Andras Mogyoro, European Commission, DG of Internal Market, Unit D-4 on Professional Qualifications, Brussels (BE)

12:00 – 12:15 Discussion

12:15 – 13:00 Mutual recognition of qualifications in the context of specific sectors: still away ahead from harmonisation – practical examples

Ms Hildegard Schneider, Professor, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, Maastricht (NL)

13:00 – 13:15 Discussion

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

Theme 2: Free movement of EU citizens and third country nationals: problems of implementation

14:30 – 15:30

Helping national authorities to deal with problems of free movement: the case of Directive 2004/38/EC

Mr Michal Meduna, European Commission, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, Unit D.2. Citizenship, Brussels (BE)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea break

16:00 -16:30

Entry visas for family members of EU citizens - a persistent problem of application of EU law

Mr Michal Meduna

Workshop on Free Movement

16:35 – 18:00

When can the right of entry be refused or an EU national and family members ordered out of the country? The proportionality test

Facilitators: Ms Katerina Kyrieri

20:00 Dinner

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2010

Theme 4: Facilitating free movement by coordinating and preserving social security rights

09:30 – 10:30

Enforcing EU citizens' professional mobility

Ms Claire Damilano, Legal Officer – Project Manager of the Euro Citizen Action Service (ECAS), Brussels (BE)

10:30 – 10:45 Discussion

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee/tea break

11:15 – 12:30

Portability of social security rights at EU level: informing EU citizens about changes and preparing national authorities to implement the updated social security package

Mr Dimitrios Kontizas, Coordination of Social Security Schemes and Free Movement of Workers, Head of Sector – Free movement of Workers, Unit E3, Brussels (BE) (TBC)

12:30 – 12:45 Discussion

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00

The relationship between Directive 2004/38 and the social security coordination: lessons to be drawn from case law

Mr Anne Pietter Van der Mei, Associate Professor of International and European Law, Maastricht University, Maastricht (NL)

15:00 – 15:15 Discussion

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee/tea break

15:45 – 16:45

Sustaining adequate and portable pensions in Europe: working out the three pillars approach

Mr Barthold Kuipers, Economic Adviser, European Federation for Retirement Provision, Brussels (BE)

16:45 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 Evaluation of the seminar

17:15 End of the seminar

General Information

Programme

The programme will commence on Thursday 22 April at 09.00 hrs and finish on Friday 23 April at 17.15 hrs.

Seminar venue

The seminar will take place in the Bordeaux Conference Room (1.16) at the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296222, fax: +31.43.3296296.

Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Fee

The participation fee is € 800 and includes documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

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European Environment Agency (EEA), European Food Safety Agency (EFSA), European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), European Medicines Agency (EMA), European Railway Agency (ERA), European Training Foundation (ETF), European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI), European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OSHA). Other EU agencies not listed above may benefit from this discount through DG ADMIN, European Commission.

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The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make reservations for you at a hotel in Maastricht. We have made a block booking at a hotel in Maastricht: Hotel Beaumont (www.beaumont.nl), at a rate of € 102 p.p.p.n. (incl. breakfast and tourist tax). Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the name of the hotel and the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

Meals

The lunches will be served at the Institute's restaurant and dinner in the evening will be at a restaurant in town. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.



Registration Form

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Organisation:
Department:
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The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner/reception and beverages **€ 800**
Special discount (Please check first the conditions at www.eipa.eu (FAQ – special discounts)) discount

Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.

Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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Date of arrival: Date of departure: No. of nights:

No hotel reservation required.

MEALS

Lunch day 1: will attend will not attend Lunch day 2: will attend will not attend

Dinner day 1: will attend will not attend

Vegetarian: yes Fish allowed: yes no Other dietary requirements:

As the number of places is limited, please return the completed registration form before 31 March 2010 to:

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