

Working towards enhanced mobility -

Common declaration on advanced cooperation between ESIP and EAPSPI on the FindyourPension Portal

1. Introduction

During their careers mobile researchers change their workplaces and become members of different pension schemes of all pillars in different EU/EEA countries much more than other workers. Diversity of pension systems should not hinder mobility, thus we are willing to further engage in the framework of the FindyourPension (FYP) platform with regard to pension information.

2. Cooperation

EAPSPI and ESIP will cooperate with FYP with the aim to maintain and improve the quality of information and keeping it up to date. They support the platform and will help to make it known to stakeholders and possible users.

The task of FYP, operated by the VBL, is to:

- Collect the information
- Run the website (update and technical provision)
- Provide reports about reactions and the number of visitors (quality assurance with regard to the users)
- Forward customers' feedback to the supporting editors and institutions as well as the associations
- Forward users' requests to the institutions or schemes affected

3. Widening the scope

FYP is dedicated to the needs of highly mobile researchers. Should other groups of highly mobile workers be identified or requested to be integrated, FYP could be extended accordingly.

4. Maintain the diversity/plurality of the Pension Landscapes

The phenomenon of professional mobility will continue to grow and be even more relevant in the future. Thus ESIP and EAPSPI are convinced that pension schemes and systems have to find ways and solutions which are the right answers for the needs of highly mobile workers. Regardless of their special needs, this group is part of the (guest) countries' workforce and is therefore subject to their labour law, as well as their social security and pension systems. In order to help mobile workers deal with their pension systems, adequate pension information and literacy is needed. The establishment of any closed and separate system or "29th pension system" would not solve the problem, neither for the first nor for the second pillar

pension provision of mobile workers. Old-age pension provision is embedded in the overall design of the single welfare states and their work environment and cannot be isolated from other social benefits and advantages.

However, according to the plurality (diversity) of schemes mobile clients have to be able to track and understand their acquired pension rights in order to better prepare their individual careers. With their cooperation, FYP, ESIP and EAPSPI are showing their commitment to help highly mobile people cope with their pension planning.

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EAPSPI - European Association of Public Sector Pension Institutions

The European Association of Public Sector Pension Institutions (EAPSPI) covers 26 pension institutions and associations of the public sector out of 16 European countries and speaks for 33 million people throughout Europe. EAPSPI's members and observers cover the special basic pension schemes for civil servants or the supplementary occupational pension schemes for public employees.

<http://www.eapspi.eu/portal/page/portal/eapspi/index.html>

ESIP – European Social Insurance Platform

ESIP represents a strategic alliance of over 40 national statutory social security organisations in 16 EU Member States and Switzerland. ESIP's mission is to preserve high profile social security for Europe, to reinforce solidarity based social insurance systems, and to maintain European social protection quality.

<http://www.esip.org/>

FindyourPension

FindyourPension is a website containing concise information about the different pension systems in the various European countries. It is dedicated to mobile researchers and addresses the issues regarding their future pension claims within Europe. The FindyourPension initiative is part of a project which is sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and is run by the VBL, a German supplementary pension institution for public sector employees. The website is being provided in close collaboration with universities, research facilities from the public sector as well as pension institutions and associations all over Europe.

www.findyourpension.eu