

# **Social security: implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of the social security systems**

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Pending the European Parliament's opinion at first reading, the Council reached a partial general approach on a draft Regulation aimed at implementing Regulation 883/2004/EC on the coordination of social security systems.

Regulation 883/2004/EC was the first step in a process aimed at modernising and simplifying EU rules on the coordination of national social security systems, which are intended to allow EU citizens to move freely within Europe, while maintaining their rights to social security benefits (health, pensions, unemployment benefits, etc.). This process must be completed with the adoption of an implementing regulation, to replace Regulation 574/72/EEC and for which a proposal is now under examination.