

Letter of Ministers of Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden
to the Polish Minister in charge of Family, Labour and Social policy
on the Revision of Regulations on the Coordination
of Social Security Systems

Dear Madam Minister,

The revision of regulation on social security coordination has been a long process since the Commission's proposal issued in 2016. We acknowledge that, for many reasons, it is a sensitive file, with diverging visions within the EU. However, we believe that for the first time in a very long time, there are now reasonable chances to finally achieve a deal between colegislators.

This file was presented as a priority by the Polish Presidency in December 2024. A first working party was organised in January 2025. The Council's mandate was adopted on the 11th of April 2025. Since then, a trilogue was held on the 3rd of June. On this basis, we encourage the Presidency to continue exploring all possible avenues to find an agreement and to consult Member States to facilitate the discussions and to create the adequate conditions for a deal.

On the Council side, despite the differences of positions, the constructive spirit of the Member States and the readiness of a vast majority to pursue the negotiations was expressed during the COREPER of June 4th. On this occasion, Member States, including those facing the biggest challenges, expressed their intention to conclude the discussion on the file before the end of the semester.

Our understanding of the latest stage of negotiations is that there are already some points of agreement between the European Parliament and the Council. The European Commission has outlined its ideas about how to reach a consensus on the remaining issues and which seems to be very close to the current Council's mandate. In this context, we are strongly in favour of a trilogue as soon as possible to sound out Parliament's willingness to compromise on this outline.

Given the timing and the recent progresses witnessed in positions on both sides, we express the importance to maintain the trilogue on the 17th of June 2025 in order not to lose the momentum. The mandate you were given as well as the inputs from Member States since then will guide you for the coming steps.

An agreement is in reach, we count on you to run the last mile.

Yours faithfully,

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