



FOREWORD

Pursuant to article R. 767-2 of the French Social Security Code, the Center for European and International Liaisons for Social Security (Cleiss) collects statistical and accounting data on the application of European Union regulations, international Social Security agreements and other coordination agreements, and draws up an annual report that accounts for all known transfers of funds to and from other countries.

These transfers are either performed directly by the Cleiss or recorded in the statistics reported to the Cleiss by France's social security funds, unemployment insurance schemes and supplementary pension schemes.

The implementation of the new European social security system coordination regulations No. 883/2004 and No. 987/2009 continued in 2011. These replaced regulations No. 1408/71 and No. 574/72 from May 1st, 2010.

➤ COUNTRIES COVERED BY THESE NEW REGULATIONS

The European Union member states, i.e.:

Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Romania, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden.

Regulations (EC) No. 1408/71 and No. 574/72 remained applicable in 2011 with regard to Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, pending the incorporation of the new regulations into the agreements between the European Union member States and Switzerland from April 1st, 2012 and between the EU and the three members of the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) from June 1st, 2012.

➤ PEOPLE COVERED BY THESE NEW REGULATIONS

The new regulations now cover **all European citizens, plus refugees and stateless individuals and their families and survivors residing in an EU member state who are or have been covered by the laws of one or more EU member states.**

➤ LIKE LAST YEAR, THIS REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN TWO VERSIONS:

■ **The full version** (comprehensive data on all risks as well as detailed information by country and social security system, on exportable Excel spreadsheets) **can be downloaded on the Cleiss website.**

■ **The “summary” version**, in brochure form, contains the same information as above except for the detailed breakdown by risk and by country.

➤ NEW THIS YEAR:

■ For a more precise presentation of France's reimbursements of health care costs incurred abroad, the Cleiss now collects information from other sources in addition to the coordination flows within its own scope. Indeed, part 1 (Health care) presents the health care reimbursements that go through the Cleiss as well as through France's local Social Security funds.

■ At our users' request, we have simplified the 2011 version of our report to make it easier to read and search.

Indeed, we have provided more condensed tables instead of breaking down the data by scheme and type of payment in the interactive version.

However, this information is still available in Excel: the reader will see an icon on the appropriate pages of the report.



Another icon



tells the reader that the table in the version is available in Excel.

➔ VISIT THE CLEISS WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



INTRODUCTION

➤ ABOUT THE STATISTICAL REPORT

The statistical report for 2011 is divided into seven parts:

■ **Health care and medical assessments** (claims and debts reimbursed in 2011) plus **health – maternity and/or paternity insurance and Industrial Accident and Occupational Illness cash benefits** paid out by France on behalf of another country.

■ **Family benefits**

■ **Industrial Accident – Occupational Illness pensions, disability and old-age benefits, death and widow(er)s’ benefits, and supplementary pensions**

■ **Unemployment insurance**

■ **Postings**

■ **Payment flows between other countries and France** (statistical data on old-age and disability benefits from our main European partners)

■ **Migratory trends**

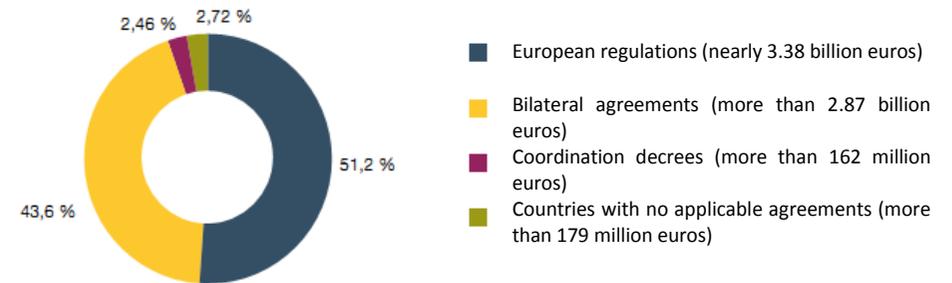
➤ A FEW KEY FIGURES

The breakdown of payments shows that, in 2011, France paid out **nearly 6.6 billion euros** pursuant to European regulations and international social security or supplementary pension agreements, compared with 6.43 billion euros in 2010: an increase of 2.54% which amounts to over 163 million euros.

As in previous years, this trend is mainly attributable to increases in pension and benefit payments (+2.52% between 2010 and 2011, which amounts to

113 million euros) and to supplementary pension payments (+2.54% between 2010 and 2011, an increase of 38 million euros).

➤ BREAKDOWN OF PAYMENTS MADE BY FRANCE IN 2011*



*Unspecified payments (more than 1 million euros, or 0.02%)

This geographical breakdown is nearly identical to previous years.

The following pages further break down these payments by types of benefits and show trends since 2002. The summary table (see next page) presents all payments made pursuant to international agreements and European social security regulations and those made by the supplementary pension funds.

Means of payment are not specified for certain benefits such as health care and medical assessments, temporary disability and family benefits.

However, pension and benefit payments made to beneficiaries residing in another country are broken down between the following two means of payment:

■ **Transfer abroad:** payments are made directly to an account in another country.

■ **Non-residents’ accounts in France:** payments are made to French bank accounts on behalf of people residing in another country.

