



# Clarity issues of social security contributions and access

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- Bilateral (tax) agreements already as complicated as it gets
- Now add 3rd party
- Now add other factors (e.g. home office)
- Employers nor employees informed properly
  - → major impact on cross border labour market
- Those who try inevitably make mistakes





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- Three colliding laws
- Three divergent legal situations each
- Cross-border commuters usually fall short



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### Example:

- Single parent
  - o living in NL, minimum wage in D
- Child supplement in D
  - Not applicable: cannot be exported
- Child supplement in NL
  - Not applicable:
    not entitled to child benefits





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### Example:

- Retirement age
- Unemployment benefits from country of residence
  - Retirement age lower than in country of labour
- Neither pension nor benefits applicable





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## Further problematic topics

- Different assessments for reduced earning capacity
- Health insurance: the (im)possibility of supplementary insurance if one is only listed as a contractual claimant
- Private health insurance companies not deeming themselves subject to 883/2004
- Different assessments between social security or tax benefits e.g.: energy cost flat-rate (EPP)
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