



Global Employer Services Social Security

Revised bilateral social security treaty between Belgium and Turkey

Context

After a lengthy ratification procedure, the revised bilateral social security treaty concluded between Belgium and Turkey on 11 April 2014 entered into force as of 1 September 2018. This revised treaty replaces the old treaty that dates back to 1966.

What's new?

Broader field of application

The revised bilateral social security treaty between Belgium and Turkey is now applicable to all individuals, employees and self-employed persons, regardless of their nationality. The only condition is that they are or have been subject to either the Belgian or Turkish social security legislation.

The old treaty was only applicable to individuals with the Belgian or Turkish nationality.

New coordination rules

The revised treaty also introduces new coordination rules to avoid double social security application when professional activities are performed simultaneously in Belgium and Turkey.

Under the old treaty, an individual operating simultaneously in Belgium and Turkey would have been subject to the social security legislation of both countries.

Under the revised treaty, an individual performing simultaneous self-employed or simultaneous employed activities in Belgium and Turkey will only be subject to the social security legislation of his/her country of residence.

However, when an individual is performing both a self-employed and an employed activity simultaneously in Belgium and Turkey, both countries' social security legislation will continue to apply.

Impact

The extension of the personal scope in the revised treaty to all nationalities and the introduction of additional coordination rules will reduce administrative formalities and social security obligations to be complied with in both countries.

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