

# FOUNDING CHARTER OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL INSURANCE PLATFORM aisbl (ESIP aisbl)

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## 1. Foreword

Since 1996, the national organisations responsible for administering social protection in the Member States of the European Union have come together on a regular basis to share information and experiences, to carry out joint studies and to take positions on Community initiatives.

For this informal network to develop further, it was considered necessary to formalise it by making it a legal entity. The creation of ESIP as a not-for-profit international association (*association internationale sans but lucratif* - aisbl) under Belgian law took place on 27 October 2008. The status of legal entity was accorded to the association by Royal decree on 20 November 2008.

The ESIP constitution is founded on the conviction of its members that progress and economic performance in the European Union cannot be realised without taking into account the social dimension.

The Platform works therefore in the general interest of European unity. It inscribes/registers its missions, objectives and actions in respect of the doctrine and etiquette set out in this Founding Charter, which lays down the foundations, values and principles underpinning ESIP.

## 2. Founding Organisations

The following organisations, which represent those members active as part of the informal network before it acquired legal status on 20 November 2008, have by their engagement and constant support allowed the realisation of the ESIP aisbl. They are all therefore considered as founding organisations of the association.

AUSTRIA	<b>HVSVT</b>	Hauptverband der Österreichischen Sozialversicherungsträger, Vienna
BELGIUM	<b>ONP/RVP</b>	Office National des Pensions/Rijksdienst voor Pensioenen, Brussels
BULGARIA	<b>NSSI</b>	National Social Security Institute, Sofia
CZECH REPUBLIC	<b>ČSSZ</b>	Česká Správa Sociálního Zabezpečení (The Czech Social Security Administration), Prague
FINLAND	<b>ETK</b>	Eläketurvakeskus (Finnish Centre for Pensions), Helsinki
	<b>FAII</b>	Tapaturmavakuutuslaitosten liitto (Federation of Accident Insurance Institutions), Helsinki
	<b>TVR</b>	Työttömyysvakuutusrahasto (Unemployment Insurance Fund), Helsinki
FRANCE	<b>CCMSA</b>	Caisse Centrale de la Mutualité Sociale Agricole, Paris
	<b>CNAF</b>	Caisse Nationale d'Allocations Familiales, Paris
	<b>CNAMTS</b>	Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Maladie des Travailleurs, Paris
	<b>CNAV</b>	Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse, Paris
	<b>FNMF</b>	Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française, Paris
GERMANY	<b>AOK-BV</b>	AOK-Bundesverband, Berlin
	<b>BKK BV</b>	Bundesverband der Betriebskrankenkassen, Essen

	<b>IKK e.V.</b>	Gemeinsame Vertretung der Innungskrankenkassen, Berlin
	<b>LSV SpV</b>	Spitzenverband der Landwirtschaftlichen Sozialversicherung, Kassel
	<b>VdEK</b>	Verband der Ersatzkassen, Siegburg
	<b>Kn</b>	Knappschaft, Bochum
	<b>DGUV</b>	Deutsche gesetzliche Unfallversicherung, Berlin
	<b>DRV</b>	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Bund, Berlin
ITALY	<b>INPDAP</b>	Istituto Nazionale di Previdenza per i Dipendenti Dell'Amministrazione Pubblica, Rome
	<b>INPS</b>	Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale, Rome
LUXEMBOURG	<b>ALOSS</b>	Association Luxembourgeoise des Organismes de Sécurité Sociale, Luxembourg
NETHERLANDS	<b>CVZ</b>	College voor Zorgverzekeringen, Diemen
	<b>SVB</b>	Sociale Verzekeringsbank, Amstelveen
POLAND	<b>ZUS</b>	Zaklad Ubezpieczen Spolecznych (Social Insurance Institution), Warsaw
ROMANIA	<b>NHIF</b>	Casa Națională De Asigurări De Sănătate (National Health Insurance Fund), Bucharest
SLOVAKIA	<b>SIA</b>	Sociálna poisťovňa (Social Insurance Agency), Bratislava
SWEDEN	<b>SSIA</b>	Försäkringskassan (Swedish Social Insurance Agency), Stockholm
SWITZERLAND	<b>SUVA</b>	Schweizerische Unfallversicherungsanstalt, Lucerne
UNITED KINGDOM	<b>IPC</b>	International Pension Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne

### 3. Fundamentals

Social protection forms part of our human rights. It is mentioned in many national constitutions. At European Union level, it is clearly stated in the Treaties (Art. 136 “The Community and Member States... have as objectives... an adequate social protection...”) and in the European Union Charter of fundamental rights in Title IV Solidarity, Article II-34: “The Union recognises and respects the entitlement to social security benefits and social services providing protection in cases such as maternity, illness, industrial accidents, dependency or old age, and in the case of loss of employment, in accordance with the rules laid down by Community law and national laws and practices.”

### 4. Core Values

The social protection organisations which form the Platform accomplish their national or regional missions with full respect for the following values: solidarity, social justice, equity, quality, sustainability and social cohesion.

### 5. Principles

The members promote the exchange of information and good practice, cooperation, constructive behaviour and synergies. The Platform, in its proposals and positions, gives full respect to the diversity of its member organisations. It realises its objectives in complete independence of any third party. It is bound only by the law and the rules of its members. Its goal is the promotion and development of solidarity in social protections systems.

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