

Next phase of the European Tracking Service on Pensions is launched

Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter after a short break... The establishment of a European Tracking Service has taken another hurdle. We are moving from the pilot to the rollout phase. A small reminder: In November 2022, we successfully completed the ETS pilot project and founded the ETS Association. Our aim is to help all mobile workers in Europe to better understand their pension situation with work stages in several EU countries. To this end, the FindyourPension Portal was created and the Belgium members became the first National Tracking System to be connected to the ETS. In 2023, the association needed some time to acquire sufficient EU funding for our mission. After a successful application for an EU grant the rollout phase launched in March 2024.

To kick off our work, this issue contains several articles that deal with the environment and the European policy context of our project. Please do not miss the announcement of our event at the European Retirement Week 2024 at the end of this edition.



ETS receives 4.7 million Euro in EU funding

The ETS Association has been awarded with a grant of 4.7 million Euro from the European Union for the rollout phase the European Tracking Service on Pensions, which is scheduled for five years. The funding was obtained through a successful project proposal submitted by the ETS Association in response to a Call for Proposals launched by the European Commission in 2023.

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Communication of the European Commission on Digitalisation in social security coordination

In September 2023, the European Commission published a communication on "Digitalisation in social security coordination: facilitating free movement in the Single Market". The communication stresses the strong potential for the digital transition to improve the coordination of social security systems, to reduce administrative burden and improve the competitiveness of the European economy.

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ETS participation at the 103rd meeting of the EC Technical Commission

Last but not least in the context of the aforementioned communication on the digitalization of social security, representatives of the ETS Association were invited to present the project at the 103rd meeting of the Technical Commission for Data Processing on the 6th of February 2024.

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Political attention for pension tracking

Pension tracking is ranking high on the political agenda towards a new mandate for the European Commission. The Eurogroup of EU Ministers of Finance has made it a priority, stating: "Member States are invited to develop pension tracking systems to provide citizens with an overview of their future retirement income, where needed, based on input from the European Commission."

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Meet the members: Theo van Kessel (APG)

This is the first of a series in which we question ETS stakeholders about pension communications and pension tracking. Today we speak with Theo van Kessel, from APG. APG is the largest pension service provider in the EU. It provides pension administration and asset management to several pension funds. Within APG, Theo is in charge of the transition to the new pension system. Theo is also an ETS Board Member.

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ETS Conference and General Assembly

On 28 November, the ETS and AEIP will host the EU Forum on Pension Stakeholders Conference in the Netherlands. We invite pension stakeholders to this event in the European Retirement Week for an afternoon programme on pension communication and pension tracking. More information will follow.

On the next day, 29 November, the ETS will convene its General Assembly in The Netherlands.

Can't wait to hear more? Please contact us through email at ets@vbl.de. We will be happy to answer your questions.

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