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Practical questions and challenges in the implementation of the social security coordination



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 - Covid-19 pandemic
 - Revision
- Questions



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Practical challenges from a ministerial point of view

- A contradiction in itself?
- Practical challenges become relevant for Ministries when they reach a certain „threshold“!



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Let's Further Categorize Challenges

- Challenge Type I: sudden events outside the daily routine
- Challenge Type II: structural changes



Example I: COVID 19

- The pandemic put the „coordination world“ upside down, e.g.
 - Documents not available
 - Persons not mobile anymore (quarantine/no available crossborder transport)
 - Homeoffice/remote work



Example I: COVID 19

- Non-legislative, immediate action
- Uniform approach
 - AC guidance note (leading delegations)
 - Problem: different „label“ of benefits



Example II: Revision

- SSC regulations: comprehensive „toolbox“ built on many years' experience
- Still: coordination environment changes (long-term)
- Regular „update“ (revision) of SSC regulations



Example II: Revision

- Current revision:
 - Equal treatment
 - Unemployment insurance
 - Long term care
 - Family benefits
 - Applicable legislation
 - Misc.



Example II: Revision

- Extra „practical“ challenge for revision (apart from trying to „make SSC regulations better“):
 - diverging interests among MS
 - diverging interests between COM/EP/Council

(Negotiations have been ongoing since end of 2016....)



- Any personal experience with SSC during the pandemic?
- What would **you** change within the framework of a SSC regulation revision?
- Do you think there should be special provisions for applicable legislation and homeoffice/remote work?