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Brexit and European Social Law

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Brexit has been explained but it is unclear what will come out of it. Brexit is not a singular event but more a process. It will for sure change the EU 28, and calls for a realignment of the remaining EU 27 and its former member the United Kingdom. The article tries to shine a light on the possible consequences Brexit has on cross-national relationships within the area of social security. This without going into further detail in case of an unregulated Brexit.

The Financial Impact of the RV-Leistungsverbesserungs- und Stabilisierungsgesetz – Consequences of the Current Pension Reform on Contributors, Pensioners and Taxpayers

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With implementation of the RV-Leistungsverbesserungs- und Stabilisierungsgesetz (RV-LVStabG) at the turn of the year 2018/2019, large changes were implemented within the mandatory pension scheme. Especially the regulations for the implementation of stop bars for contribution rates and pension levels take a hold of the mechanisms for determining the pension value, pension level and contribution rates thus stabilizing all components until the year of 2015. Next to that, there is an elevation in the amount of non-

contributory supplementary periods for disability pensions. This being in effect until the harmonization of the disability pensions with the regular old age pensions. The article aims to evaluate the financial effects of the new law, and will show, using varying calculations, what singular measures cost. Furthermore the article will explain the different cost factors of yet unapplied further reform options.

Minimum Security Elements in the German Old-Age Pension Provision – from Bismarck to Merkel

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Over the last 130 years, the German old-age pension provision has made plenty of experiences with different security elements. The pension system under Bismarck was tailored after a pedestal model, which further existed in the German Democratic Republic, where as in Western Germany this model was retired through the pension reform of the Adenauer administration in 1957. In the GDR, the minimum pension played a dominant role where as in the Federal Republic of Germany only after the turn of the millennium a pension was introduced that was tailored to older recipients, and people in need. Further to that, the red-green coalition introduced a minimum welfare pension with the goal of preventing poverty amongst pensioners. The minimum safety element that existed in Western Germany was the pension based on minimal income, which went into effect in 1972, and which evolved to be a cornerstone of the basic state pension concept, which was introduced in 2019. The article draws up the history of minimum pensions for old people in Germany, from their beginnings till today, and involves the current debate. Additionally the article asks for the political motives for the introduction or abolition of certain safety elements, and its reaches for the recipients.

State of Research on Disability Pensions – a Qualitative Meta-Analysis

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The events leading to the receipt of a disability pension are changing both in reasons and numbers. The current and projected numbers bring with them challenges for all parties involved. This also applies to those that research the topic of disability pensions, as new questions are posed and a broader scientific interest is developing on this subject. This included the fields of rehabilitation, administration and lastly judicial sciences. Also the scientific fields of sociology, psychology and economics have an extended interest in the research of disability pensions. Until now though, a systematic review of overlapping specialty fields has not happened. This leads to a potential loss of information, thus making research in whole on the main subject more difficult. To merge these disciplines, this qualitative meta-analysis focused on systematically merging the different interdisciplinary subjects. Due to this process it was able to show the current research gap, and the potential this creates for further research.

Accessible Language: Wish and Reality of a Concept for a more Accessibility

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Simple language is an integral part of communication for government offices, companies and the media. In only a few years it has been generally accepted as a permanent instrument and can be seen as another bridge towards accessibility. Since 2014 the Deutsche

Rentenversicherung has set itself a goal to supply information on pension matters in simple language. Does simple language though know what it wants? In the daily usage of it, the confines of simple language become evident. It's a very dynamic field with very unclear borders. Linguists are now trying to create a concept which will help in the creation of simple language, providing sharper outlines. The article aims to show how the Deutsche Rentenversicherung aims to implement these changes and also fulfill the legal requirements set forth in the concept of simple language.