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**30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GERMAN-POLISH SOCIAL
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A greeting on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the German-Polish Social Security Agreement

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German-Polish Cooperation in the Field of Social Security – Selected Topics

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Issues related to social security are of central significance in German-Polish cooperation, especially in view of the fact that there is a high level of migration between these neighbouring countries. The most important institutions that cooperate in this area are the German pension insurance institution DRV and the Polish social security institution ZUS. This contribution presents the key determinants with regard to the extent, range and form of their joint activities. The documents mentioned herein constitute the legal framework for this cooperation and include selected examples of the European Court of Justice case-law. Reference is made to certain aspects of migration, particularly labour migration from Poland to Germany, taking into account the specific nature of this process and its dynamics. Statistical data is presented to illustrate the problems which were outlined. Changes regarding the forms of cooperation (i. e. use of new technologies) are demonstrated. Continuing the joint activities of DRV and ZUS is a necessity, but this article also points out the need to implement some changes with regard to the mutual contacts based on 30 years of experience with joint activities in the area of social security of the Republic of Poland and the Federal Republic of Germany for their citizens.

**German-Polish Pension Agreement in the Light of Pension Statistics
– the Period from 1975 to the time just before the Pension Reform in
1992**

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Thirty years ago, the German-Polish Social Security Agreement of 1990 entered into force which is a festive occasion to take stock, taking into account statistical results. In this context, statistical data records from the years 1976 to 1991 – which are practically "historical" – were made accessible so that they could be evaluated for the first time specifically from the perspective of the German-Polish agreement. The focus is on new pensioners who started to receive their pension in the respective years. Before the evaluation is carried out, important underlying facts are described in connection with the agreements and their different specifics as so-called integration or export agreements to facilitate a better understanding. The first agreement of 1975 is based on the compensation principle which is aimed at achieving adequate consideration of periods acquired in Poland. When looking at a longer period of time and a particular topic, the general limits of statistical data and their coverage become obvious. The coverage has improved due to changes in the technical and legal conditions the closer one gets to the present time. This becomes apparent from the features in the existing statistical data of the statutory pension insurance with regard to specific evaluations.