

**Question for written answer E-007811/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Coordination of social security schemes at a cost to France of EUR 600 million

The coordination of social security schemes is costing France EUR 600 million.

A number of new projected EU measures seeking the 'coordination of social security schemes' were debated in the European Parliament on 28 November 2017.

However, the proposed reform will inevitably result in a downward alignment of the pensions and sickness and unemployment benefits currently enjoyed by French nationals as a basic right, in order to achieve harmonisation with other Member States.

What impact will this project have on the 176 000 French citizens working in Switzerland¹?

Could the 'Rome I'² Regulation be applied to those border workers, with regard to unemployment insurance for example, thereby allowing employees to select the most favourable arrangement? Almost 77 000 French nationals in Haute-Savoie (74)³ are concerned by this measure.

In his report, Mr Balas points out that, under such arrangements at European level, France is losing EUR 600 million by way of benefits not covered by the social security contributions of our European partners.

How is the loss distributed (in terms of geographical location and social legislation)?

¹ <https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/catalogues-banques-donnees/communiqués-presse.assetdetail.2005544.html>

² Treaty provisions protecting salary levels for cross-border workers

³ <https://www.tdg.ch/geneve/cap-100-000-frontaliers-franchi-2016/story/28625204>

