



International Association of former staff of the European Union, AIACE

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# AIACE, from the origin until today

The association was founded in 1969, is 53 years old and is dedicated to retired staff of the institutions. At the dawn of 2022, the Association brings together more than 14000 contributing and loyal members, half of the 28000 pensioners. Recognised by all Community institutions and bodies, it has made its representativity a reality by signing in 2008 a new cooperation and partnership agreement with the Commission, in 2011 similar agreements were signed with the European Parliament, the Court of Justice, the Economic and Social Committee, joined by the Committee of the Regions in 2013 and the Council of Ministers in 2015. Thus, for all EU institutions, AIACE is the

**REPRESENTING RETIRED STAFF**

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# AIACE, the sections

The Association has spread beyond the seats by creating sections in 15 EU countries. There are national sections in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The Association is a partner of the administrative services in Brussels, Luxembourg and Ispra, and makes up for the absence of the latter in the other places of residence of pensioners. *Fewer sections than Member States* ? There are still not enough members in some countries, but a member, resident of the country in question, will be able to establish a section under local legislation with a minimum of 20 pensioners. The Bureau of the Association will advise

# AIACE, the International Bureau

It is an international association under Belgian law, managed by an International Bureau and a Management Board.

The General Assembly of the Association is held every year during a Congress, called «**Assises**».

# AIACE , be a member

**You become a member of the Association through the national section of your choice.**

You need to have received your *pension number* to be able to join. In your documentation you will find a membership form that I advise you to complete as soon as you receive this number.

*Can you be a member of two sections if you plan to spend time in two different countries?*

The answer is yes, you just need to pay the fees. The annual fee varies from section to section; for example, the Belgium section, which is the largest with over 5000 members from 20 different nationalities, has an annual fee of 40€

# AIACE, missions and results

- **Defending the legitimate interests of pensioners:**

AIACE liaises with the European Commission in the management of all pensioners (DG HR and PMO). It sits in particular on the Staff Regulations Committee and the Management Committee of the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (CGAM). It provides legal assistance in the form of advice.

- **The new Remuneration and Pension Method:**

Valid until 2023, then by tacit renewal, it guarantees the identical evolution of wages and pensions. It removes the contribution for pensioners. It secures acquired rights.

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- **Information to members:**

A three-monthly magazine (VOX) is published by the International Bureau. Several sections also have a local bulletin (for example the "Ecrin" in Belgium).

AIACE also contributes to the newsletter "Info-Seniors" published by DG HR.

It communicates with members in both paper and electronic format.

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- **Partnership**

Thanks to the seriousness of its programs and the quality of its representatives, the AIACE has established harmonious and effective collaboration with the administrative services: PMO (JSIS and Pensions, DG HR's Service in charge of relations with retired staff members.



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- **Solidarity and Mutual Assistance:**

In each AIACE section, volunteers ensure the identification of the assistance needs of members: visits, retirement homes, hospitalizations, representation at the Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS), volunteer activities.

Special attention is given to survivors' pension holders, who are often poorly or insufficiently informed about the procedures and their rights.

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- **Other actions:**

Cultural and leisure activities: theatrical outings, information conferences, trips, exhibitions, museums, leisure circles, walks.

The support of the action being the volunteering, new volunteers are welcome: visits to colleagues in a state of dependency, assistance in the relationship with the administration, training in the use of office automation, secretariat, AIACE representation on joint committees and technical groups alongside trade union organisations

# AIACE, strengthen the action

In each section, a significant number of volunteers contribute to our advocacy, and collective and individual assistance efforts.

Out of solidarity with past generations, but also because these tasks are original and enriching, we invite new pensioners to join us. You would be surprised at the amount of fields of action that we could propose to you. **Join us and take your share of the action in a well-understood European spirit.**

# AIACE, in fine: supplementary insurances

Don't be frightened by the fact that we talk about it more than reason. Miracle workers will offer you all kinds of advice: read carefully the proposed contracts, especially the indexing mechanisms (some increase significantly according to age), and especially the italics at the bottom of the pages: the poison is in the tail.

For more than 25 years, AIACE has been offering proven insurance contracts specifically for pensioners:

# AIACE, insurances

- **AIACE Accident Insurance:** when you retire, you are no longer covered by the Accident Insurance of the Commission but you keep the coverage of the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme. AIACE accident insurance is equivalent to that which covers active staff: no repayment ceiling; payment of compensation capital in the event of permanent disability; in the event of death, payment of capital to the right holders; worldwide coverage including terrorism. Possibility of taking out the insurance up to the age of 80.

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- **AIACE Hospitalisation Insurance:** with or without accident coverage, with or without deductible, lifetime coverage and worldwide. Membership is possible until the day before the 67th anniversary or within 12 months of the termination of service. Indexation is annual but is not increased according to age.
- **Please note:** The insurer (CIGNA) organises a one-to-one service once a month on the premises of the International Association. These offices are suspended when the Commission's offices are closed. Cigna can be contacted: email [info@eurprivileges.com](mailto:info@eurprivileges.com), tel +32 3 217 65 76.

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