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Notice to visiting professors and academic visitors residing in an EU/EFTA country COORDINATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS

The Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons between Switzerland and the European Community provides that a person shall be insured in respect of social insurance in only one country at a time.

Therefore, a visiting professor or academic visitor who is an EU/EFTA citizen and resides in an EU/EFTA country must declare the income earned during his stay at EPFL in his home country.

In practice, before arriving in Switzerland, he must ask the authorities of his country to provide him with the European A1 form. Human resources of his employer will certainly be able to help him obtain this document. The visiting professor or academic visitor is then required to pay social contributions in his country.

EPFL will only pay the stipend of the visiting professor or academic visitor if the A1 form and the Agreement in accordance with Article 21 are in its possession. Withholding tax will be deducted from the salary.

During his stay in Switzerland, the visiting professor or academic visitor remains insured by the social security system of his country of residence.