

## Working in Western Greece: A Practical Guide for Researchers



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## 1. Introduction

This guide aims at assisting researchers who wish to work in Western Greece, by presenting an overview of the legal framework in matters such as entry conditions, taxation, social security, health care, according to the national legal and regulation system, as well as to provide information services and proximity assistance on accommodation and daily life issues.

It has been prepared by the Mobility Centre of University of Patras, under the support of Pytheas project which is funded by European Commission (DG Research). Pytheas Project aims at promoting researchers' relocation and the transfer of knowledge between different regions of the European research and innovation system.



■ Mobility Centre UoP: Peloponnese, West -Central Greece, Epirus, Ionian Islands



## 2. The Mobility Centre of University of Patras



The Mobility Centre of the University of Patras is part of the Greek Mobility Centres Network and also part of ERA-MORE (the European Network of Researchers). The provided services cover the broader region of Western Greece: **Peloponnese, Aitolokarnania, Epirus and Ionian Islands**. It is functioning within the International Relations Department, The Department participates in many Educational Programs of European Union, encouraging academic multicultural co-operation and developing the increasing links between the University and the Institutions abroad.

The Mobility Centre of University of Patras aims at:

- ✓ Offering authoritative information and practical assistance to mobile researchers and their families who work or plan to work in the region of Western Greece, regarding administrative issues: entry conditions, visa, insurance, social security, taxation, health care services, as well as cultural and daily-life aspects: language courses, accommodation etc.
- ✓ Informing incoming and outgoing researchers on existing job opportunities in Greece as well as across Europe.
- ✓ Assisting outgoing researchers to find information for the country of their employment.

Additionally, the Regional Mobility Portal <http://mobility.upatras.gr> provides practical information related to daily-life in western Greece, job opportunities as well as Grants and Fellowships and useful links of official recourses for researchers.

The Mobility portal is linked to the European Euraxess Portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>



### 3. Welcoming mobile researchers

The Mobility Centre of University of Patras has adopted the following procedure for welcoming the mobile researchers.

An appointment at our premises after the initial communication (by phone, e-mail, etc) is being arranged. After introducing the Mobility Centre, general information is provided about ERA-MORE and the Mobility Portal role, clarifying all possibilities on researchers' assistance. We try to create a friendly and pleasant atmosphere during the meeting and encourage the visitor to explain his/her problem in detail and propose possible alternatives. We try to be specific, flexible, and effective and to respond to the incoming requests as quickly as possible. In case that the problem cannot be partially or totally resolved, the issue is being addressed to the closer MoC.

The incoming researchers are provided with all relevant material (leaflets, guides EC publications, etc). Also, if necessary, a common visit to the local authorities (Regional Office, Municipality, Consulate etc) can be arranged. After the satisfaction of the request, the case is electronically recorded.

### 4. Academic Research Institutes in Western Greece

- University of Patras	<a href="http://www.upatras.gr">www.upatras.gr</a>
- Hellenic Open University	<a href="http://www.eap.gr">www.eap.gr</a>
- University of Peloponnese	<a href="http://www.uop.gr">www.uop.gr</a>
- University of Ioannina	<a href="http://www.uoi.gr">www.uoi.gr</a>
- Ionian University	<a href="http://www.ionio.gr">www.ionio.gr</a>
- Technological Educational Institute of Patras	<a href="http://www.teipat.gr">www.teipat.gr</a>
- Technological Educational Institute of Kalamata	<a href="http://www.teikal.gr">www.teikal.gr</a>
- Technological Educational Institute of Epirus	<a href="http://www.teiep.gr">www.teiep.gr</a>
- Technological Educational Institute of Messolonghi	<a href="http://www.teimes.gr">www.teimes.gr</a>







## 5. Living in Patras

Patras, the third largest city in Greece with a population of about 250.000, is a major Mediterranean port and the country's main Gate to the West-a modern financial, commercial and cultural centre.



Patras has been the Cultural Capital of Europe for the year 2006, while the Carnival of Patras is regarded as the biggest in Europe. The recent construction of Rio-Antirrio cable Bridge developed the region, offering new opportunities for massive exchanges between Western and Central Greece.

Amongst other places of interest, the city has a wide variety of considerable archaeological monuments bearing witness to its long historical journey.

### 5.1 History

The city has been inhabited for at least five thousand years and started flourishing through the Mycenaean period (1580-1100 BC). According to tradition, Patras took its name from Patreas the son of Prevgenes a leader of Achaeans after defeating the Ionians. Until then, the area was called Ionia or Aegialos.

Bits and pieces of its history are reflected in Patras' daily life and are easily accessible to the visitor, therefore adding to the city's character and beauty. The **arcades** in the central streets, the three stairs leading from the contemporary to the Upper (old) City, where one can admire the neoclassical buildings, once the mansions of the currant merchants, the many fountains and statues that can be seen on the central squares, as well as the famous English mansions out of Patras dated from the same period - known as "**Egglezika**"- are the exact elements that combine the city's past with its present.

**The Castle of Patras** located at the Upper City is a combination of interventions made during the Venetian rules and the Ottoman rule reflects its rich historical background.

**The Turkish Hamam** is located at the Upper City, and it is one of the last in Europe operating until today.

**The Roman Odium** a theatre of the Roman period praised by Pausanias, the ancient traveller. Nowadays it hosts many artistic events.

**Apollon Theatre** designed by the great Bavarian architect E. Ziller it started operating since 1872, when citizens enjoyed opera before the rest of Greece did. Nowadays, it hosts significant artist social and political events.

**Achaia Clauss**, the historical winery of Patras of the great architect interest, is representing the local wine making tradition. Founded in 1854 by the Bavarian Gustav Clauss has been developed in a great export industry. Its





legendary product is Mavrodaphni, a red sweet local wine.

**St. Andreas Church** was founded in 1908 and inaugurated in 1974. It is built next to the old Church which also constitutes an historical monument. Being regarded as the most imposing church in the Balkans, it attracts hundreds of visitors every year.

**Pantokratoras Church** also located at the Upper City is a copy of the St. Sofia of Constantinople.

## 5.2 The Modern City



The modern city offers all necessary banking, transportation and accommodation facilities and caters for cultural and entertainment needs. The city hosts a [University](#), a [Technological Educational Institute](#), the [Hellenic Open University](#) (Student's total number: 40.000), several hospitals: [University Hospital](#), [Regional State Hospital](#), [Regional Children's Hospital](#) etc., a regional two-stage Theatre, a Classical Music Orchestra, an Orchestra of Plucked Strings, a municipal and many privately owned Galleries with numerous seasonal exhibitions, as well as Museums, Municipal and University Libraries, Conference Centres, Stadiums, Courts and swimming pools.

In addition, the city has numerous cafes, patisseries, restaurants bars and music clubs (all these either in pedestrianized entertainment areas or around the city's numerous large squares), as well as entertainment and cinema complexes and a casino.

## 5.3 Cultural Activities

Patras is a city of a great historical and modern culture. Many musical, theatrical events and festivals are taking place every year. The Patras Cultural Development Municipal Enterprise (DEPAP) provides detailed information on Exhibitions, Opera, Concerts, Ballet, Lectures and other cultural activities. Tel: +2610-222157.

**The Carnival of Patras**, today 173 years old, is the biggest and most important carnival of Greece, but also one of the most well-known Carnivals of Europe, that take place in the winter.



The Carnival of Patras is an important event with its own, special philosophy. Its main objective is to combine Carnival with Art, and also work towards its constant upgrading and acknowledgement by the biggest Carnivals of Europe.

Together with all the standard events that take place every year, there are also others aiming to strengthen the artistic character of our Carnival and preserve our traditional arts through cultural

exchanges with other cities of Greece, the Balkans and Europe.

For more information please visit: <http://www.carnivalpatras.gr/>





- **International Festival of Patras**  
Papadiamantopoulou 17<sup>A</sup> 262 25 Patras  
TEL .: 0610 276540, 0610 278009  
e-mail: [depap@otenet.gr](mailto:depap@otenet.gr)  
<http://www.depap.gr>
- **International Shadow Theatre Festival - Karagiozis**  
Papadiamantopoulou 17<sup>A</sup> 262 25 Patras  
TEL .: 0610 276540, 0610 278009  
e-mail: [depap@otenet.gr](mailto:depap@otenet.gr)  
<http://www.depap.gr>
- **Organization for Artistic and Cultural Affairs Festival Institution of Ancient Drama**  
Patreos 14, 262 21 Patras  
TEL.:2610272911, 275272, 279866  
Fax: 2610 272911  
e-mail: [okefest@otenet.gr](mailto:okefest@otenet.gr)



## 5.4 Museums

**The Archaeological Museum.** The old Museum is located at the centre of the city, next to "Ethnikis Antistasis" Sq. and remains open every day from 8.30 to 15.00. It exhibits statues mosaics weapons Jules and alabaster pots of the ancient civilizations. The new archaeological museum is under construction.

**The Historical and Ethnological Museum:** Art & Literature Building on King George A' Sq., exhibits weapons engravings, paintings and other historical relics from the Independence war of 1821. Opening Hours: 10.00-13.00 every day, except Monday and Friday.

Georgiou A' Sq. Tel: 2610 274962.

**Museum of Press:** books dated 1604, as well as important historic documents and records about Patras and Greece since 1875. Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 09.00-13.00, Mezonos 200, Tel.: +2610-310488.

**Museum of Traditional Art:** with exhibits from everyday life and working habits during the pre-industrial age. Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30-13.00, Korytsas & Mavrokordatou, Tel: +2610-334713.

**Zoological Museum of Patras University:** with approximately 3.000 stuffed birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and shells. Tel: 2610 969214 [www.upatras.gr/culture/museums/zoology.php?lang=en](http://www.upatras.gr/culture/museums/zoology.php?lang=en)

**Botanical Museum of Patras University:** with 90.000 desiccated plants of Greek and European flora. Tel: +2610- 969200 [www.upatras.gr/culture/museums/botanic.php?lang=en](http://www.upatras.gr/culture/museums/botanic.php?lang=en)

## 5. 5. Consulates in Patras

Austria	+302610-271447
Belgium	+302610-273200
Denmark	+302610-991808
Finland	+302610-641642
France	+302610-278997
Germany	+302610-221943
Holland	+302610-322376
Italy	+302610-620900
Lebanon	+302610-311858
Norway	+302610-435090
Switzerland	+302610-277688
United Kingdom	+302610-277079

## 5.6 Transportation

**Air:** "ELEFThERIOS VENIZELOS" Athens International Airport (distance: 250 km):

Regular flights. [www.aia.gr](http://www.aia.gr)

ARAXOS AIRPORT (40 km): Charter flights frequently organised by the following companies:



- 'Hapagloyd' (Germany)
- 'Star Airlines' (France)
- 'Tui Belgium' (Belgium)
- 'Austrian' (Austria)
- 'Transaero' (Russia)
- 'Travelservice' (Czech Republic)
- 'Swissair' (Switzerland)
- 'Livingston'(Lithuania)

**Ferry:** From Brindisi, Bari, Ancona, Venice, Trieste.

Regular trips by the following companies:

**SUPERFAST FERRIES:** [www.superfast.com](http://www.superfast.com)

**A.N.E.K.** [www.anek.gr](http://www.anek.gr)

**Minoan:** [www.minoan.gr](http://www.minoan.gr)

**Agoudimos:** [www.agoudimos-lines.com](http://www.agoudimos-lines.com)

**My way:** [www.Maritimeway.com](http://www.Maritimeway.com)

**Rail:** From the train station to Athens (220 km) with the Greek Railway Organization: [www.ose.gr](http://www.ose.gr)

Tel: +2610-639108-10

**Coach:** Athens (220 km) with buses from Central Bus Station of Achaia (KTEL) [www.ktel.org](http://www.ktel.org) .

- Intercity Buses: +2610-623886

## 5.7 Currency-Banks

The Currency is Euro. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at all banks and bureaux de change

<b>ATE Bank:</b>	123, Ag. Andreou Str.
<b>Alpha Bank:</b>	63 Agiou Andreou Str.
<b>Aspis Bank:</b>	28 Agiou Andreou Str.
<b>Achaiki Bank:</b>	66 Mihalakopoulou Str.
<b>Bank of Attica:</b>	289 Korinthou Str.
<b>Bank of Cyprus:</b>	224 Korinthou Str.
<b>Bank of Piraeus:</b>	13A Kolokotroni Str.
<b>Citibank:</b>	36 Agiou Andreou Str.
<b>Egnatia:</b>	82 Agiou Andreou Str.
<b>Emporiki:</b>	53 Agiou Andreou Str.
<b>Eurobank:</b>	26 Agiou Andreou Str.
<b>Geniki Bank:</b>	104 Mezonos Str.
<b>National Bank:</b>	Trion Simachon Square
<b>Millennium Bank:</b>	101 Agiou Andreou Str.
<b>Probank:</b>	74 Agiou Andreou Str.



## 5.8 Accommodation

Houses or apartments for rental can be found in newspapers special issues, or through real estate agencies. In the capital cities also can be found independent people who rent small rooms to students near the University Campus. Rental prices do not often include expenses such as electricity, water supply, Telephone Company etc.

The rental contracts usually include two months rent payment in advance, as a guarantee.

Information about accommodation can be found at:

- Yellow Pages: <http://www.hellasyellow.gr> and
- Pan-Hellenic Confederation of tenants: +30210-5231848, 5246982

## 5.9 Hotels in Patras

-	<b>Astir:</b> 16 Aratou & St. Andreou Str. Tel: +302610-623131 (Class A)
-	<b>Byzantino:</b> 106 Riga Feraiou Str. (Class A) Tel: +302610-
-	<b>Patras Pallas:</b> 15 Othinos Amalias Tel:+302610-277502 (Class A)
-	<b>Primarolia Art Hotel:</b> 14 Othonos Amalias (Class A)
-	<b>Mediterranae:</b> 18 Agiou Nikolaou Str.Tel:+302610-279602 (Class C)
-	<b>Olympic:</b> 46 Agiou Nikolaou Str. Tel:+302610-224103 (Class C)
-	<b>Galaxy:</b> 9 Agiou Nikolaou Str. Tel: +302610-275982 (Class C)
-	<b>Rannia:</b> 53 Riga Feraiou & 16 Kolokotroni Str. Tel. +302610-220114 (Class C)
-	<b>Porto Rio:</b> Rio Tel: +302610-992102 (Class A)
-	<b>Airotel Achaia Beach:</b> Kastellokambos - Rio Tel:+302610-991801 (Class B )
-	<b>Tzaki :</b> Paralia Proastiou Tel: +302610-653960 (Class B)
-	<b>Castello:</b> 21 Patron Athinon - Rio Tel: +302610-992986 (Class B)
-	<b>Rio Beach:</b> Rio: +302610-991421 (Class C)
-	<b>George:</b> Rio-Tel:+ 302610-992627 (Class C)

## 5.10 Useful Telephones

<b>First Aid Services:</b>	166
<b>Fire brigade:</b>	199
<b>Police:</b>	100
<b>Pharmacies:</b>	1434
<b>Directory Inquiries-National</b>	11888
<b>Directory Inquiries -International</b>	139
<b>Traffic Police:</b>	+302610-433182
<b>Tourist Police:</b>	+ 302610-695191
<b>Port Authorities:</b>	+302610-341002
<b>Custom:</b>	+302610-339871





<b>Information Center:</b>	+302610-461740
<b>Intercity Buses:</b>	+302610-623886-8
<b>Greek Railways:</b>	+302610-639108-10
<b>Taxi:</b>	18300, +302610-450000
<b>Athens Int. Airport:</b>	+2610-3530000



## 6. Learning Greek language

### School of Modern Greek Language

The School of Modern Greek Language has been functioning at the Intercultural Education Center at the Department of Education of the University of Patras and has offered since 1992, Modern Greek language courses for pupils, students, teachers, Greeks from abroad and foreigners from all over the world. It aims at the teaching of the Modern Greek Language to foreigners and Greeks from abroad who:

- live permanently in Greece,
- study in Greek Universities or in Higher Education Institutions,
- wish to familiarize with the Greek language and the Greek culture.

The Intercultural Center for Education organizes Modern Greek language courses at three levels:

**1<sup>st</sup> level:** Beginners 1 (A1) & Beginners 2 (A2)

**2<sup>nd</sup> level:** Intermediate level (corresponding to first certificate in English): Intermediate 1 (B1) & Intermediate 2 (B2)

**3<sup>rd</sup> level:** Advanced (corresponding to Certificate of Proficiency in English)

### Course duration

Courses are conducted from 10<sup>th</sup> of October to 31<sup>st</sup> of August (intensive course) Students are given an oral and written test in Modern Greek Language in order to determine their placement in the appropriate level:

10<sup>th</sup> of October – 31<sup>st</sup> of May

10<sup>th</sup> of October – 15<sup>th</sup> of February

16<sup>th</sup> of February – 15<sup>th</sup> of June

1<sup>st</sup> of July – 31 of July (intensive course)

1<sup>st</sup> of August – 31 of August (intensive course)

The weekly teaching hours are from 6 to 20 hours of 45 minutes, depending on the needs and spare time of the students in each class. Minimums of 8 enrolled students for classes to be conducted.

### Tuition fees \ Ways of payment

The 112 teaching hours cost 280 Euros. The enrollment fees, which are valid for one year, cost 5 Euros.

Tuition fees and enrollment fees are deposited in the University Research Committee bank account at the National Bank of Greece.

### Applications

The application form must be submitted 30 days before the beginning of each course. Applicants will be notified accordingly, 20 days before the beginning of the course.

### Accommodation \ Housing

The participants in the courses may be offered rooms in reasonable rental prices at:

- The Students Residence Hall of the University of Patras inside the campus
- A seaside hotel in Rio, which collaborates with the University



**Organized activities (not included in the fees)**

A) Cultural Activities \ excursions

The program may include visits to museums, excursions to historical and archaeological sites, walks and also cultural activities.

B) Greek dance lessons

All students that follow a Greek Language Course can participate in the lessons for traditional dance and other activities offered by the University of Patras.

For further information:

**Intercultural Center for Education:**

Address: Archimedes Str. Bldg 7, University Campus-Rion

Hours 10:00–14:00

Phone: +302610-969715/16, 996252

E-mail: [georgog@upatras.gr](mailto:georgog@upatras.gr), [gpant@otenet.gr](mailto:gpant@otenet.gr)

Website: [www.kedek.gr](http://www.kedek.gr)



## 7. The Legal Framework for mobile researchers

According to the Greek Legal System, the researchers are being considered as **self employed-«non-salary» workers**.

- ✓ They are not being considered as independent professionals; consequently they are not obliged to keep "The Commerce–Movements of goods Books", provided by the Tax Code.
- ✓ They are obliged to issue "non-certified" expenses receipts.
- ✓ They are liable to social security payments of the host country.
- ✓ They are being insured in the Professional Stakeholder (TEVE) when employed by the entities governed by the public law

### 7.1 Entry & Residence Conditions

Researchers and the members of their families have the right to enter and reside on the territory of the member state which has admitted them, and will be entitled to equal treatment with nationals, as regards working conditions, access and supply to goods and services available to the public, as defined by national legislation.

The researchers coming to Greece from a member state are not required to obtain an Entry Visa. For the family members, documents providing evidence of their relation; living under the same roof in the state of origin, under age members should be entered to the passport of parent.

#### 7.1.1 E.U. Nationals

The typical formalities for researchers entering Greece from a member state are:

1. Possession of valid Identity Card or Passport.
2. Grant of Residence Permit, valid for 5 years, and rightfully renewable.  
In case of long term unemployment during the residence time, the Residence Permit can only be renovated for the additional period of 12 months.
3. The Residence Permit is not imposed by the Law, only in the following cases:
  - When the employment, according to the employers certification, will last no longer than 3 months.
  - The permanent residence of the researcher is in the territory of a member state.
  - For sort term work contracts.

Procedures depended on the duration of residence

- **Less than three months:** Residence Permit is not required.
- **Less than one year:** Application addressed to the Migration Office which issues the Short term Residence permit.
- **More than one year:** Application for Residence Permit within three months, valid for a period of five years.

Supporting Documents:





1. Application
2. Identity Card or valid Passport.
3. Three ID Photos
4. Employment Certificate or Work Certification, issued by the employer. (For Salary-Workers: Employers Statement, certified by the Labor Inspection Unit).
5. For Self-Employed: official statements such as: VAT., Record in (Chamber of Trade and Industry, Record in the Professional Stakeholder (e.g. TEBE).

### 7.1.2 Third-Country Nationals

The entry, residence and social integration of third-country nationals for scientific research under a hosting agreement, are regulated by the Council Directive **2005/71/EC**: *"on a specific procedure on admitting third country nationals for the purposes of scientific research"* and the two Recommendations of the European Parliament and of the Council:

- 2005/761/EC (28/09/2005):

*"to facilitate the issue by the member states of uniform short-stay visas for researchers from third countries travelling within the community for the purposes of carrying out a scientific research".*

- 2005/762/EC (12/10/2005):

*"to facilitate the admission of third country nationals to carry out scientific research within the European Community".*

The Directive adds a very important improvement in the field of non discrimination principle. In order to make the Community more attractive to third country researchers they should be granted equal social and economic rights during their stay. The Directive is in process of being incorporated in the Greek National Law.

The conditions for the admission of third- country researchers in the Greek territory are determined by L. 3386/2005 and L.3536/2007 on special regulations on immigration policy. According to this Law, the third-country researchers are requiring obtaining an Entry Visa, granted by the Consulate (Consular Authority), and depended on the duration of residence:

- **Sort term staying: R1091/2001**: Provides the right to remain in an E.U member state for a period of three months, without any further official formalities.
- **Long term residence 109/2003**: sets that a third country national that has his permanent residence in an E.U country, comes under the "long term resident" status quo.

### Formalities

1. Invitation Letter to the Consulate of the country of provenance of the researcher which must refer to the name of the employer, the honorarium and the insurance coverage. This letter is necessary for obtaining of the entry VISA
2. Visa edited from the Consulate valued for three months.
3. Residences Permit granted by the Regional Secretary General on an opinion from Immigration Committee. The written application is being handed on to the competent institution of the circuit, its valid for a year, renewable up to 12 months.



### Useful Telephones

- Region of Western Greece – General Secretary:	+2610-465801-2
- Region of Western Greece Immigration Office:	+2610-432452
- Municipality of Patras:	+2610-966200
- Professional Chamber of Patras:	+2610-241183
- Citizen Service Centre of Patras:	+2610-243200-2



## 7.2 Taxation

Taxation in Greece is regulated by the Income Tax Code as sanctioned by L.3522/2006, which recently came into force. An incoming researcher is considered as a tax- resident of Greece, therefore his personal income is subjected to the progressive rate taxation.

### ***Indirect Taxation (VAT)***

Value Added Tax applies to transmission of goods, provision of services and importation of goods.

Remission of V.A.T.:

- Researchers who receive income in terms of dependent personal services.
- Researchers who participate in Programs funded by E.U.
- Researchers holding educational or training services in entities under the shield of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture.

### ***Immediate Taxation (Taxation on income)***

If the researcher is holding a self – employed activity the tax is also being reserved.

The researcher fills the form of return (of taxes) declaring his worldwide income. In the case that his income has been taxed in another State this will be credit against the amount of tax due to be paid in Greece. The national basic allowance—assessed by the national legislation to the amount of € 10.000,00 for the employees and € 8.400,00 in all other categories of workers -which provides a tax exemption for law income does not apply to the non residents. Thus non – residents are liable to pay taxes on income of such amount. The rate of tax is 5%.

### **7.2.1 Double Taxation Agreements**

Greece has signed Double Taxation agreements with several Countries. If such agreement between Greece and the State of residence of the researcher exists, then the natural person is taxed according to the provisions of the relevant agreement. In order for the regulations of the Agreement to come to force, the researcher should provide to the International Economic Affairs Office of the Ministry of National Economy and Finance the following evidence:

- Certificate of Tax domicile, issued by the appropriate national authority of the State of residence.
- Application (submission of) for the implementation of the Double Taxation Agreement
- Certification, issued by the appropriate Tax Office (DOY).

### **7.2.2 Transportation of home staff**

- The researcher citizen of Member States and the third national researchers are relieved from turnover tax, excise duties and any other consumption tax for the import of vehicle and private staff in case of temporary residence and transmigration.
- Third national researchers are entitled to the tax exception for the transportation of their home staff in Greece as secondary residence if their common residence for the last two years is in other State Member of EU.
- The fact that the use of the vehicle in the country would be temporary shall be proved by the presentation to the Customs of the work contract within one month by the entry to the country. The Customs issue a "Certification of Temporary Importation", valid for the time mentioned in the work contract.



- The Driving License issued by the national authority of the researcher's state of residence is valid in the Greek territory, not other formality demanded.

### **Importation of private vehicles**

The Importation of private vehicles from another Member State is exempted from any turnover tax, excise duties and any other consumption tax (D 83/182/EEC).

The exemption applies for a period of six months in any 12. After that period the person shall pay special passenger vehicle tax.

### **Official Links**

- Ministry of Economic & Finance: [www.ypetho.gr](http://www.ypetho.gr)
- Tax Office: [www.taxisnet.gr](http://www.taxisnet.gr)
- Europa, Information for Citizens - Ministry of Economy & Finance  
[www.europa.eu.int/youreurope/nav/en/citizens/factsheets/gr/taxes/taxation/en.html](http://www.europa.eu.int/youreurope/nav/en/citizens/factsheets/gr/taxes/taxation/en.html)





### 7.3 Social Security

The European legislation of social security provides:

- ✓ **Equality of social security treatment:** Persons resident in the territory of one of the Member States shall be subject to the same obligations and enjoy the same benefits under the legislation of any Member State as the nationals of that State.
- ✓ **Social security benefits,** pensions can be paid to the person entitled even if one resides in the territory of a Member State other than that in which the institution responsible for payment is situated.
- ✓ **Aggregation of insurance periods:** The competent institution of a Member State whose legislation makes the acquisition, retention or recovery of the right to benefits conditional upon the completion of insurance periods such as sickness, maternity unemployment, benefits co shall, to the extent necessary, take account of insurance periods completed under the legislation of any other Member State as if they were periods completed under its own legislation.
- ✓ Health care benefits to the family members residents in the territory of a Member State other than the Member State in which the worker is employed and subjected to social security.

#### Community Legislation on concurrent Social Insurance of the researchers.

When the researcher apart from his permanent work enters into a fixed term work contract with duration less than a year shall submit the E101 paper to the competent national institute of social insurance of the host country in order too be relieved of the obligation to be insured in the country of his temporary work.

- ✓ The 'competent institution' for the social insurance of all (EU citizens and third nationals) Employed Researchers is the National Insurance Fund (IKA)  
The 'competent institution' for the social insurance of self employed researchers is TEBE.
- ✓ The EU nationals, working in programs funded by the EU, are insured in the Professional Stakeholder (TEBE).
- ✓ The researchers that holds a grant by Marie Curie or Heraclitus Foundation are insured the Professional Stakeholder (TEBE).

#### Application of the provisions of the R 1408/71 to the third national employed persons and their families moving within the Community Restrictions.

The Council Regulation No 859/2003 extended the **provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71** to nationals of third countries who were not already covered by those provisions solely on the ground of their nationality. The Regulation is not in force in Denmark, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norvice and Switzerland.

#### Official Links

- General Secretariat of Social Security: [www.ggka.gr](http://www.ggka.gr)
- Ministry of Labour & Social Security: [www.ypakp.gr](http://www.ypakp.gr)



## 7.4. Health Care

### **Health Care and insurance benefits for the researcher and his family members.**

When the researcher lives with his family under the same roof in Greece receives all benefits provided by the national social security legislation, by the competent social security institution.

When the members of the family reside in the territory of the Member State of researchers permanent residence cash benefits are provided by the institution of the place of stay or residence in accordance with the legislation which it administers, whereas the medical treatment is provided by the Host State.

### **What is the European Health Insurance Card?**

The European Health Insurance Card is a document which certifies the status of the insured person as well as the duration of his insurance rights. Every member of the researcher's family owns his private card.

This is not a health book considering that subtends only insurance and not the medical data of its holder.

### **To Whom the Card is addressed**

The card is addressed to the competent to provide medical services institutions in the territory of a Member State other than the member state one.

### **Benefits for the Card- Holders**

- **The card provides instant access to the medical care institutions of the host country.**
- The EHIC is valid only for temporarily residence abroad.
- Applies to all categories of people moving within the EU territory.
- By 2007, third nationals moving within the EU territory will be entitled to the EHIC.
- The Card holder is entitled to all medical benefits in kind which are necessary to the purpose of the safe continuance of his sojourn.
- The card holders who suffer under chronic diseases have access to all hospitalization benefits; where upon their medical condition has to be taken into consideration.

### **Benefits not provided by the cards**

- The card is not valid in cases of people moving to other member states in order to receive medical treatment.
- The expenses for a private hospital doctor, who does not form part of the national security system of the host country, are not covered by the card.

### **Hospitals in Patras**

- St. Andreas General Hospital: Tel.: +2610-227111
- Regional University Hospital - Rio Tel:+2610-999111
- "Karamanthaneio" Children Hospital: +2610-622222
- Special Hospital for Chest Diseases Tel:+2610-623535

### **Related Links**

- Ministry of Health & Social Solidarity- Hospitals: [www.mohaw.gr/gr/ygeia/links/hospitals](http://www.mohaw.gr/gr/ygeia/links/hospitals)
- National Organization of Medicine: [www.eof.gr](http://www.eof.gr)

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