

Transferring your pension rights: Think twice before deciding!

Whether or not to transfer to the Community pension scheme pension rights acquired under different schemes is an important decision, which is for you to take.

Within a deadline of 10 years and 6 months since joining the Institutions, you may **request** the competent Human Resources department to transfer pension rights you have acquired before joining the EU Institutions.

This department, after having checked with your previous pension scheme organisms, converts your rights into pension years to be **credited** under the Community pension scheme.

The department will then communicate to you this additional credit in the form of a **proposal**. It is only then that you can decide whether to accept the transfer or not.

Think twice before deciding, because your decision is irrevocable.

- o An **Assistant** expecting to stay in the Institutions for a relatively short period might possibly have an interest in leaving his/her pension rights where they are rather than transferring them.
- o **Contract Staff** will probably have an interest in leaving their rights in their pension scheme of origin.

If in doubt, turn to us for advice.