



# TWINNING NEWS

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**Twinning: New per diem rates applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 onwards**

*The latest adjustment of the maximum rates of per diem allowances paid to experts on mission undertaken in the framework of an EU funded contract has been published by Directorate General Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid in December 2012 and is available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/per\\_diems/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/per_diems/index_en.htm)*

*The EuropeAid per diem rates are based on United Nations rates, which are set in accordance with annual country survey missions conducted by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).*

*The UN data are derived from price surveys of good commercial hotels and meal costs for the respective third countries, with an additional 15 per cent for incidental expenses. As United Nations rates are expressed in US dollars, EuropeAid maximum per diem rates are the result of a conversion into EUR.*

*Please find herewith for your easy reference the list with the adjusted rates specifically compiled for Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates, as well as for countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy and Russia.*

*For Twinning projects in Turkey, the arrangement decided in 2006 remains valid: the per diem applicable to all Twinning projects in Turkey is the one set for Istanbul.*

*The new rates are applicable as of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2013**.*

*It is reminded that the common Twinning manual (under section 5.6.2, all versions) clearly provides that the date of the mission determines the rate applicable and that the rate can therefore vary over the lifetime of a Twinning project.*

*Conversely, the subsistence allowance of RTAs is not subject to revision during the lifetime of the project*

Acceding, Candidate and Potential Candidates	Previous per diem rate in €	New per diem rate in € as of 1/1/2013
Croatia	264	224
Iceland	234	145
Montenegro	162	143
Serbia	282	269
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	180	172
Turkey	229 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)	192 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)
Albania	228	233
Bosnia -Herzegovina	136	130
Kosovo*	282	269

European Neighbourhood Countries and Russia		
Algeria	335	316
Armenia	128	140
Azerbaijan	310	312
Belarus	205	196
Egypt	236	225
Georgia	229	210
Israel	327	312
Jordan	210	201
Lebanon	232	222
Libya	169	183
Moldova	182	174
Morocco	180	179
Russia	435	366
Syria	271	259
Tunisia	172	165
Ukraine	334	319
West Bank and Gaza Strip	139	312

*\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence*