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Twinning: Application of new per diem rates for the second half of 2012

The latest adjustment of the maximum rates of per diem allowances paid to experts on mission undertaken in the framework of a EU funded contract has been published by Directorate General Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid in July 2012 and are available at:

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 percent for incidental expenses. As United Nations rates are expressed in US dollars, EuropeAid maximum per diem rates are the result of a conversion of these US dollar based rates 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 15 July 2012.

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 15/07/2012
Croatia	246	264
Turkey	217 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)	229 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	145	180
Albania	212	228
Bosnia -Herzegovina	142	136
Serbia	286	282
Montenegro	162	162
Kosovo*	286	282
Iceland	148	234

European Neighbourhood Countries and Russia		
Algeria	303	335
Armenia	129	128
Azerbaijan	289	310
Belarus	191	205
Egypt	195	236
Georgia	183	229
Israel	304	327
Jordan	180	210
Lebanon	215	232
Libya	157	169
Moldova	154	182
Morocco	210	180
Russia	362	435
Syria	289	271
Tunisia	144	172
Ukraine	303	334
West Bank and Gaza Strip	145	139

** 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*