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Twinning: Application of new per diem rates for the second half of 2011

The latest adjustment of the maximum rates of per diem paid to experts on mission undertaken in the framework of an EU funded contract has been published by Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid (DEVCO) by the beginning of July 2011.

The DEVCO 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, which are bolstered by an additional amount of 15 percent for incidental expenses. As these United Nations rates are expressed in US dollars, the DEVCO 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 updated 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 in the letter of Mr. Meganck of 14 November 2006 remains valid: the per diem for Istanbul will continue to apply to all Twinning projects in Turkey rather than the per diem for Ankara.

The new rates are applicable as of 10th July 2011.

Please bear in mind that the common Twinning manual clearly provides under section 5.6.2 (all versions) that the date of the mission determines the rate applicable and that the rate can therefore vary over the lifetime of a Twinning project.

On the other hand, the subsistence allowance of RTAs is not subject to revision during the lifetime of the project.

Candidate and Potential Candidates	Previous per diem rate in €	New per diem rate in € as of 10/07/2011
Croatia	234	227
Turkey	183 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)	197 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	145	132
Albania	238	217
Bosnia -Herzegovina	163	131
Serbia	283	260
Montenegro	161	161
Kosovo (UNSCR 1244)	283	260
Iceland	154	221

European Neighbourhood Countries and Russia		
Algeria	297	275
Armenia	132	117
Azerbaijan	266	267
Belarus	194	177
Egypt	194	177
Georgia	229	166
Israel	309	281
Jordan	180	164
Lebanon	214	195
Libya	160	146
Moldova	148	143
Morocco	178	191
Russia	361	329
Syria	255	268
Tunisia	148	139
Ukraine	307	280
West Bank and Gaza Strip	148	134