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Twinning: New per diem rates applicable from 15 July 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 July 2013 and is 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 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 **15 July 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

EU Member State	Previous per diem rate in €	New per diem rate in € as of 15/07/2013
Croatia	224	180

Acceding, Candidate and Potential Candidates	Previous per diem rate in €	New per diem rate in € as of 15/07/2013
Iceland	145	261
Montenegro	143	143
Serbia	269	158
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	172	171
Turkey	192 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)	230 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)
Albania	233	233
Bosnia -Herzegovina	130	130
Kosovo*	269	158

European Neighbourhood Countries and Russia		
Algeria	316	315
Armenia	140	138
Azerbaijan	312	311
Belarus	196	171
Egypt	225	225
Georgia	210	209
Israel	312	309
Jordan	201	179
Lebanon	222	357
Libya	183	183
Moldova	174	173
Morocco	179	179
Russia	366	364
Syria	259	259
Tunisia	165	156
Ukraine	319	316
West Bank and Gaza Strip	312	142

**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*