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European Union contribution and applicable rates

The host organisation shall appoint the eligible researcher under an employment contract / contract with full social security coverage (including sickness, parental, unemployment and invalidity benefits, pension rights, benefits in respect of accidents at work and occupational diseases) except where national regulation prohibits this possibility.

Table 1 gives the yearly reference rates for calculating the living allowances of the eligible researcher. The amounts per year are given in Euros per category of researchers who are recruited under an employment contract/ contract with full social security coverage complying with the social security legislation applicable¹. These amounts include all compulsory deductions under national applicable legislation.

Table 1: Yearly reference rates for living allowances under employment contracts (Correction Coefficient index 100)²

Researchers Categories	EUR/year
Early-stage researchers	37 320

When an employment contract cannot be provided, the host organisation shall recruit the researcher under a status equivalent to a fixed-amount fellowship. The rates applicable in these cases, which shall be duly justified, will be 50% of the rates for researchers under an employment contract. The host organisation shall ensure that researchers enjoy minimum social security coverage.

The host organisation receiving the Union funding under Table 1 above shall pay to the selected researchers a minimum contribution according to these reference allowances, taking into account all compulsory deductions under national legislation in the context of the project. The host organisation may pay a top-up to the eligible researchers in order to complement this contribution.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) N° 883/2004 of 29 April 2004, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 988/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009, Commission Regulation (EU) No 1244/2010 of 9 December 2010 and Corrigendum, OJ L 200, 7.6.2004, p. 1 (883/2004)

² Rates for individual countries are obtained by applying to these reference rates the respective correction coefficients as listed in Table 4.

In addition to the living allowance, a mobility allowance and a family allowance will be paid for some categories of researchers as specified in Table 2. In this context family is defined as persons linked to the researcher by (i) marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher.

The various rates from Tables 1 and 2 apply to researchers devoting themselves to their project on a full-time basis (pro-rata for parts of years). In exceptional cases where researchers, in agreement with the host organisation and with **prior** approval by the Research Executive Agency, execute their project on a part-time basis, the rates will apply proportionally without the possibility that the total amounts will exceed those that apply for full-time equivalent periods. The same principle will also apply in case of split of a project into several distinct periods.

Table 2: Structure of the European Union contribution

The EU contribution under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions is based on unit costs expressed in person-months. They have been established in line with the methodology set up by the Commission Decision n° C(2013) 8194³ and are indicated in EUR.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action	Researcher unit cost**			Institutional unit cost**	
	person/month			person/month	
	Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
Innovative Training Networks	3 110	600	500	1 800	1 200

* A country correction coefficient applies to the living allowance. This coefficient is the one applicable to the country of the researcher's host organisation as listed in Table 4.

** These unit costs will be subject to a funding rate of 100% (Article 28.4 of the Rules for Participation).

³ COMMISSION DECISION authorising the use of reimbursement on the basis of unit costs for Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions under the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme