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Twinning: New per diem rates applicable from Friday 17 March 2017 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 and is available at: https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/perdiems-2017-03-17_en.pdf

The EuropeAid per diem rates are based on United Nations rates, which are set in accordance with 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 IPA and ENI beneficiaries.

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 Friday 17 March 2017.

It is reminded that the common Twinning manual (under section 5.6.2) clearly provides that the rate of the per diem can vary over the lifetime of a Twinning project. The date of the mission (first day of travel) determines the rate applicable to the whole mission.

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

The Manual also states that these per diem rates represent a maximum and that lower rates may also be applied.
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*This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to individual positions of the Member States on this issue*