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#### Twinning: Application of new per diem rates for the first 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 EuropeAid (AIDCO) at the beginning of December 2010.

The AIDCO 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 AIDCO maximum per diem rates are the result of a conversion of these US dollar based rates into EUR.

As already noted at the time of the previous revision of July 2010, exchange rate fluctuations between USD and EUR have heavily influenced the per diem rates expressed in EUR.

Considering the persistent variability in exchange rates, for the present revision of the applicable rates it has been decided that, for the purpose of assistance provided through the Twinning and TAIEX instruments, increases that would exceed 10% are capped at this percentage. The rate of reference for the calculation of the

increase is the rate applied in the Twinning and TAIEX framework in the second half of 2010.

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 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 1 January 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.

<b>Candidate and Potential Candidates</b>	<b>Previous per diem rate in €</b>	<b>New per diem rate in € as of 01/01/2011</b>
Croatia	244	234
Turkey	177 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)	183 (ref. letter of 14.11.2006)
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	157	145
Albania	239	238
Bosnia -Herzegovina	159	163
Serbia	257	283
Montenegro	161	161
Kosovo (UNSCR 1244)	257	283
Iceland	152	154

<b>European Neighbourhood Countries and Russia</b>		
Algeria	297	297
Armenia	120	132
Azerbaijan	242	266
Belarus	188	194
Egypt	188	194
Georgia	247	229
Israel	299	309
Jordan	193	180
Lebanon	230	214
Libya	155	160
Moldova	144	148
Morocco	162	178
Russia	333	361
Syria	266	255
Tunisia	151	148
Ukraine	308	307
West Bank and Gaza Strip	143	148