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Twinning: Application of new per diem rates as from 01 July 2007

We would like to confirm the most recent adjustment of the maximum per diem rates paid to experts on mission undertaken in the course of an EC funded contract as published by Directorate General AIDCO on **21 June 2007** at the following website address:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/common_documents/per_diem_s/perdiem_07_2007.pdf. These new maximum rates are valid for missions undertaken as from 01 July 2007 as explained below.

Please find attached for your easy reference the list with the adjusted rates specifically compiled for all new Member States, Candidate Countries and Western Balkans which may be beneficiaries of Twinning assistance.

It should be noted that the specific per diem rates as published by AIDCO represent a maximum amount. Lower per diem fees may be applied, in particular for activities outside major cities. For Twinning projects in Turkey, the arrangement announced 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.**

As shown in the attached revision table, this gives 143€ as per diem for Turkish twinning projects rather than 109€ as adjusted per diem for Ankara.

The new per diem rates apply to all missions undertaken by short and medium term Member State experts including the Project leader for **all Twinning contracts** as from 01 July 2007.

Both the revised PHARE Twinning manual (2004) and the common Twinning manual (entered into effect on 15 June 2005) clearly provide under the same section 5.6.2 that the date of the mission determines the rate applicable and the relevant provision even clarifies that the rate can therefore vary over the lifetime of a Twinning project.

Please remember that the subsistence allowance of Resident Twinning Advisors mentioned in twinning covenants/contracts notified **after 1 January 2004** should not at this stage be affected by the update of the AIDCO per diem rates. Both the revised PHARE Twinning manual (2004) and the common Twinning manual (entered into effect on 15 June 2005) provide in their already mentioned section 5.6.2 that the applicable rate of the subsistence allowance is fixed at the time of the signature of the Twinning contract for its entire duration. Please do not hesitate to contact the Twinning Co-ordination team in Brussels should you or your staff require additional information or assistance.

	Previous per diem rate in €	New per diem rate in € as of 01/07/2007
New MS		
Bulgaria	202	227
Cyprus	238	238
Czech Republic	230	230
Estonia	181	181
Hungary	222	222
Latvia	211	211
Lithuania	183	183
Malta	205	205
Poland	217	217
Romania	228	222
Slovak Republic	205	205
Slovenia	180	180

Candidate Countries		
Croatia	217	213
Turkey	128 (see letter of 14.11.2006)	143
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	167	164

Western Balkans		
Albania	204	238
Bosnia - Herzegovina	146	143
Serbia	226	222
Montenegro	133	130