

DECISION No **167/23 A**

holding provisions regarding the travel and mobility allowance

for long-term and short-term traineeships at the European Economic and Social Committee

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE,

HAVING REGARD TO the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

HAVING REGARD TO EESC Decision No 166/23 A of 11 July 2023, and in particular Articles 2.1.8, 2.1.9, 2.3.8 and 2.3.9 thereof,

AFTER having consulted the Legal Service and the Staff Committee;

WHEREAS (1) The duties of trainees require their presence in Brussels.

(2) It is necessary to update the provisions for contribution to travel expenses.

(3) It is desirable to encourage sustainable means of local transport,

HAS DECIDED:

1. **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

Long-term and short-term trainees who have completed at least half of their traineeship shall be entitled to a flat-rate travel allowance based on the distance between the place of residence and Brussels.

1.1. Place of residence

The place of residence shall be considered to be the address trainees give for correspondence on their application form. Once the candidates have received notification that a traineeship has been granted (letter of offer), the place of residence may no longer be altered.

The distance between the place of residence and Brussels (one way) is calculated by the EESC using the tool employed for this purpose at the European Union institutions.

1.2. Amount of the travel allowance

The following flat-rate amounts apply and are limited to a maximum allowance of EUR 720.

Distance between the place of residence and Brussels (one way)	Applicable flat-rate amounts
0 to 50 km	0 €
51 to 100 km	100 €
101 to 200 km	150 €
201 to 300 km	200 €
301 to 500 km	240 €
501 to 1000 km	360 €
1001 to 2000 km	480 €
2001 to 3000 km	600 €
Over 3001 km	720 €

1.3. Payment

The amounts due in accordance with the above rules shall be paid in euro by bank transfer. False declarations in order to receive the travel allowance might lead to immediate termination of the traineeship.

2. MOBILITY ALLOWANCE

Long-term and short-term trainees shall be entitled, without any discrimination, to a monthly allowance as a contribution to the cost of local transport in Brussels. The amount of the allowance is fixed at 50 % of the price of a monthly pass valid within the Brussels-Capital Region applicable on the first day of the traineeship. This amount shall apply for the duration of the traineeship.

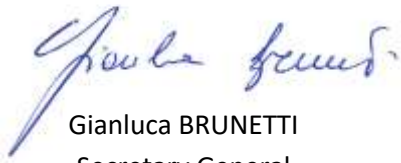
The mobility allowance shall be paid together with the monthly grant for as long as this monthly grant is paid.

3. **FINAL PROVISIONS**

3.1. This decision repeals and replaces Decision No 202/19 A of 22 July 2019.

3.2. It shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication. It shall apply to all traineeships starting after that date.

Done at Brussels, on 18. 07. 2023



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