DECISION No 202/19 A
holding provisions regarding the travel and mobility allowance
for long-term paid traineeships at the European Economic and Social Committee

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE,

HAVING REGARD TO the budget of the EESC, and in particular Chapter 14 thereof, which makes provisions for funds for traineeships in administrative units at the EESC;

HAVING REGARD TO EESC Decision No 201/19 A of July 2019, and in particular Article 2.1.8 thereof, which makes provisions for a travel allowance;

HAVING REGARD TO EESC Decision No 364/15 A of 28 July 2015;

WHEREAS (1) the duties of trainees require their presence in Brussels;

(2) it is necessary to simplify 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 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.

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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 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 subscription with STIB-MIVB valid 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. **Decision No 364/15 A**

This decision repeals and replaces Decision No 364/15 A of 28 July 2015.

3.2. **Entry into force**

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

Done at Brussels, on 22 July 2019

[signed]

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