

# Policy on reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses SIDE CIC project

Kick-off meeting – Thursday, 23 May 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

#### Please read this carefully!

Costs for travel and accommodation will be covered by the EFBWW in the framework of the SIDE CIC project for representatives of the 27 EU Member States and candidate countries. The following measures are essential in order to qualify for reimbursement by the European Commission in the context of activities it co-funds.

Costs for travel and accommodation for this project will be reimbursed using unit costs (not actual costs). However, participants are still required to provide proof of their travel, so it can be checked expost by the European Commission audit.

Costs for travel and accommodation will be reimbursed after the event and after the reimbursement form, together with the originals of the following documents, have been received by the EFBWW by post<sup>1</sup>:

- The reimbursement form signed by the participant
- The invoice from the hotel, if any.
- The travel justification documents:
  - For air travel: all boarding passes (outward and return journeys for each part of the trip). Electronic boarding passes are accepted if they show the QR code.
  - > Bus or Train travel: the outward and return journey bus or train e-ticket.
  - ➤ Car travel (for a one-way itinerary of up to 400km): A signed statement mentioning the following elements: name of the event you attended; towns of departure and arrival; car plate number; persons travelling with you if any.

### 1. Accommodation costs

A maximum of 1 night hotel accommodation, including breakfast will be covered by the project. In case you need to stay an additional night due to complicated flight schedules, please contact Frank Leus (fleus@efbww.eu).

You are required to book your own hotel accommodation.

The refund will be for a set amount of **137 EUR**.

All extras and personal expenses are payable by participants and will not be covered by the EFBWW.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Without these documents or in case of no show, EFBWW will not be able to reimburse your travel costs.

### 2. Travel costs

According to the new financial rules for EU grant applications, travel costs will not be reimbursed on the basis of real costs, but as lump sums/unit costs, depending on the distance travelled.

Methods to calculate the amount reimbursed are explained below.

**For return travels between 50 and 399 km:** land travel will be required. Please refer to the tables below to know the lump sum you will be entitled to:

• For Intra-member state (within an EU-country):

Country	Amount in EUR per return trip
AT	60
BE	46
BG	12
CZ	20
DE	64
DK	76
EE	16
EL	36
ES	52
FI	36
FR	64
HR	36

Country	Amount in EUR per return trip
HU	28
IE	36
IT	52
LT	20
LV	16
NL	49
PL	20
PT	40
RO	16
SE	56
SI	27
SK	20

• For Inter-member state (between two EU-countries):

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## For return travels of more than 400 km: you can either:

- Travel only by air
- Travel only by train
- Combine both

For these travels, please refer to the table below to know the lump sum you will be entitled to:

Distance band (in km)²	Amount per return trip in EUR
400-600	245
601-800	261
801-1200	276
1201-1600	288
1601-2000	369
2001-2500	429
2501-3500	541
3501-4500	659
4501-6000	796
6001-7500	900
7501-10000	1 201
10001-max	1 376

All distances are to be measured using either the rail or flight calculator at the following website: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs">https://ec.europa.eu/info/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs</a> en

The one way distance between the departure and arrival point corresponds to the amount for the return journey. For example: a meeting takes place in Rome and you depart from Brussels. Then you take the distance calculated by the website (Brussels to Rome is 1171 km), and this one-way distance gives you the corresponding band to define the lump sum you are entitled to.

In this case (1171 km) the amount for your return trip is 276€.