

ANNEX 2 – APPLICABLE RULES TO ELIGIBLE COSTS

KEY ACTION 1: MOBILITY FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (KA121-VET & KA122-VET)

1. UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS

1.1 Travel

Place of origin: the place where the sending organisation is located.

Sustainable means of transport: bike, bus, car-pooling, and train. The National Agency may accept other means of transport as sustainable based on established practice and on a case-by-case basis.

Travel support unit contribution for sustainable means of transport (green travel) is eligible if sustainable means of transport have been used for the majority of the round trip (in terms of distance travelled).

Unit contribution per distance band: the amount paid for a return travel between the place of departure and the place of arrival.

Venue: the place where the receiving organisation is located. If a different place of origin or venue is reported, the beneficiary must provide the reason for this difference.

Travel time will not be considered when determining compliance with minimum eligible duration of mobility activities specified in the Programme Guide.

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution for travel is calculated by multiplying the number of participants and accompanying persons per distance band, by the unit contribution applicable to the distance band concerned and type of travel (green or non-green), as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

For the establishment of the distance band applicable, the beneficiary must indicate the distance of a one-way travel using the on-line distance calculator available on the Commission's website at: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm.

The total unit contribution for travel support is calculated by the beneficiary in the Erasmus+ reporting and management tool based on the applicable unit contribution rates.

b) Triggering event

The travel is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the activity.

c) Supporting documents

The supporting document for individual activities is the Europass Mobility or another document specifying the participant's achieved learning outcomes, as well as the start and end date of the activity. If accompanying persons were involved, their names and period of stay must be included in the same document, or a separate certificate must be issued. These supporting documents must be signed by the hosting or sending organisation.

Additionally, a signed grant agreement between the beneficiary and the participant will be required as supporting documentation for the following activity types: Short-term learning mobility of VET learners, long-term mobility of VET-learners (ErasmusPro) and staff mobility activities.

For invited experts, the supporting document is a learning programme provided by the expert, signed by the inviting organisation and the invited expert.

For group activities, the supporting documents are a list of participants and accompanying persons, and the implemented learning programme (including the start and end date of the activity, the schedule of the activities and the methods used). These supporting documents must be signed by the sending and hosting organisation. In case of group activities organised at a seat of an institution of the European Union, the supporting documents must be signed by the two sending organisations and signature of the hosting organisation is not required.

In addition to the supporting documents mentioned above, in case of use of sustainable means of transport (green travel): a declaration on honour signed by the person receiving the travel grant will serve as supporting documentation. In group activities, the declaration for the travel of the group will be signed by the sending organisation.

If the starting point of travel is different than the place of origin or the end point is different than the venue, the beneficiary must report the reason for this difference. In case no travel took place or the travel was funded from sources other than the Erasmus+ Programme, the beneficiary will indicate in their report that financial support for travel is not required.

1.2 Individual support

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the number of days of activity per participant and accompanying person by the unit contribution applicable per day for the receiving country concerned, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. Travel days may be added if relevant for a specific activity.

In case of an interruption during the stay, the period of the interruption will not be counted when calculating the individual support grant. In case of interruption due to *force majeure*, the participant must be allowed to resume and continue the activities after the interruption (within the conditions established in this Agreement).

In case of termination of the participant grant agreement by the participant due to *force majeure*, the participant must be entitled to receive the amount of the grant corresponding to the actual duration of the mobility period. Any remaining funds must be refunded to the beneficiary, except if agreed differently by both parties.

b) Triggering event:

The individual support is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the activity for the specified period.

c) Supporting documents:

The same supporting documents as required for travel (see section 1.1.c).

d) Reporting:

Participants must use the standard on-line questionnaire provided by the European Commission (the participant report) to report on factual information and their appreciation of the mobility activity, its preparation and follow-up.

Invited experts will not be asked to submit a participant report.

Participant reports for group mobility activities will be completed by the lead accompanying person on behalf of the entire group.

1.3 Organisational support

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants in mobility activities by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. Accompanying persons and persons taking part in preparatory visits are not considered to be participants of mobility activities and are therefore not considered for calculation of the organisational support.

b) Triggering event:

The organisational support is eligible only if the participant has actually undertaken the activity.

c) Supporting documents:

The same supporting documents as required for travel (see section 1.1.c)

d) Reporting:

The beneficiary must report on the actual number of participants in mobility activities.

1.4 Inclusion support for organisations

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants with fewer opportunities in mobility activities by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

b) Triggering event:

The inclusion support for organisations is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the activity.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is the same supporting documents as required for travel (see section 1.1.c).

1.5 Linguistic support

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of participants receiving linguistic support by the unit contribution as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

Participants that have used Online Language Support (OLS) courses will be excluded from this calculation. If the result of OLS assessment shows that a participant's level in required language is not covered by OLS, this result will be considered as sufficient justification to claim the linguistic support unit contribution, as specified by the Programme Guide.

Learners in long-term mobility will receive further linguistic support equivalent to the same unit contribution as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

b) Triggering event:

The unit contribution is eligible if the participant has actually received language learning support.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is a declaration or certificate signed by the course provider, specifying the name of the participant, the language taught, the format and duration of the provided courses, or in case the linguistic training is provided by the sending or receiving organisation: a declaration signed and dated by the organisation providing the training, specifying the name of the participant, the language taught, the format and duration of the linguistic training provided./

d) Reporting:

The beneficiary must report on participants that have used linguistic support grants and OLS.

1.6 Course fees

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of days per course or training by the unit contribution applicable as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement. Only the days during which the learning activity actually takes place are considered for the calculation of the grant support for course fees.

b) Triggering event:

The unit contribution for course fees is eligible if the participant has actually participated in a course or training requiring payment of a course fee.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is an invoice or other declaration issued and signed by the course or training provider specifying the name of the participant, the name of the course or training taken, as well as the start and end date of the participant's participation.

1.7 Preparatory visits

a) Calculation of the total unit contribution:

The total unit contribution is calculated by multiplying the total number of persons participating in preparatory visits by the unit contribution applicable, as specified in Annex 3 of the Agreement.

b) Triggering event:

The unit contribution for preparatory visit is eligible if the participant has actually undertaken the preparatory visit.

c) Supporting documents:

The supporting document is a completed agenda, including the names of the visiting persons, and signed by the visiting persons and the hosting organisation.

2. ACTUAL COSTS

2.1 Inclusion support for participants

a) Calculation of the grant amount:

The grant is a reimbursement of 100% of eligible costs actually incurred.

b) Eligible costs:

- costs directly related to participants with fewer opportunities and their accompanying persons. If the person requests the reimbursement of travel and individual support under this budget category, no unit contribution can be requested for these categories for the same person.

d) Supporting documents:

Proof of payment of the related costs on the basis of invoices specifying the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, the date of the invoice, and if relevant a documentation signed by the receiving organisation specifying the confirmed start and end date of the stay of the accompanying person.

e) Reporting:

For each cost item in this budget category, the beneficiary must report the nature of costs and the real amount of costs incurred.

2.2 Exceptional costs

a) Calculation of the grant amount:

The grant is a reimbursement of 80% of the following eligible costs actually incurred with the exception of the cost related to visa, residence permits and vaccinations and medical certifications, which will be reimbursed at 100%.

b) Eligible costs:

- (i) Costs relating to a pre-financing guarantee lodged by the beneficiary where such guarantee is required by the NA as set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4).
- (ii) Expensive travel cost: Cost of travel in the most economical and effective way if the unit contribution does not cover at least 70% of the costs of travel. The exceptional costs for expensive travel replace the travel support.

- (iii) Visa and visa-related costs, residence permits and vaccinations and medical certifications.

c) Supporting documents:

For the pre-financing guarantee: proof of the cost of the financial guarantee specifying the name and address of the issuing body, the amount and currency of the guarantee, the date of issuing the guarantee, and the signature of the legal representative of the body providing the guarantee.

For visa and visa-related costs, residence permits, vaccinations, medical certifications: proof of payment of the related costs on the basis of invoices specifying the name and address of the body issuing the invoice, the amount and currency, and the date of the invoice.