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## **Important Information on Green Travel & Expensive Travel Cost Eligibility**

**Dear Erasmus+ Beneficiaries,**

We would like to provide you with important information regarding the eligibility and reimbursement process for **Green Travel** and **Expensive Travel Costs** under the **Erasmus+** programme. These options are designed to promote environmentally sustainable travel and to support participants facing high travel costs due to specific constraints.

### **1. Green Travel Eligibility**

Green travel refers to the use of environmentally friendly transport modes such as trains, buses, carpooling, and other low-emission means instead of air travel. The main part of the overall journey must be undertaken by sustainable means, meaning that **more than 50% of the travel distance** must be covered using these options.

Beneficiaries opting for green travel may receive:

- **Additional individual support** for up to **six extra travel days** (if needed due to longer journey times).
- **Higher travel grants** compared to standard travel.

To claim **green travel support**, beneficiaries must provide **evidence of their journey**, such as train or bus tickets. In the case of carpooling, a **declaration signed by all travellers** is required.



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For example, a participant travelling from **Malta to Germany**, taking a ferry or flight for the first part of the journey (To Sicily) and then continuing by train instead of flying the entire way, would qualify for green travel.

***Important: To qualify as green travel, more than 50% of the journey, including the return trip, must be completed using sustainable modes of transportation.***

They could receive up to six extra travel days and higher travel grants to accommodate the longer duration.

#### Travel Grant Rates for Call Years 2024 & 2025:

<i>For rate related to previous call years, please refer to the corresponding programme guides. Travel distance</i>	<b>Green travel</b>	<b>Non-Green travel</b>
10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR
8000 km or more	1735 EUR	1735 EUR

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## 2. Expensive Travel Costs Eligibility

Participants may be eligible for **expensive travel cost reimbursement** if their **standard travel grant** does not cover at least **70% of actual travel costs** due to:

- **Remote locations** with limited transport connections.
- **High travel costs** resulting from economic conditions.
- The necessity of **specific travel routes** due to **accessibility needs**.

If granted, the **exceptional costs for expensive travel** will **replace the standard travel support** based on unit costs, covering **80% of the actual travel expenses incurred**.

To apply, beneficiaries must submit:

- A **cost comparison** and **justification** for selecting expensive travel options.
- **Receipts and supporting documents** showing actual travel costs.

For instance, a participant travelling from a **remote Maltese island to Finland** might face significantly higher travel costs due to multiple transport modes (ferry, train, flights). In such cases, they may qualify for expensive travel cost reimbursement.

## 3. Travel Grant and Funded Travel Days

Under the **Travel Grant** section in the **mobility activity details**, beneficiaries must indicate the **Funded Travel Days** where available:

- **Up to 2 travel days** if using **non-sustainable** means of transport.
- **Up to 6 travel days** if using **sustainable** means of transport.



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The **Travel Grant or Travel Support** amount is **calculated automatically**, based on:

- The selected **activity type**.
- The distance band.
- The **main means of transport** (chosen from a dropdown list, distinguishing between sustainable and non-sustainable modes).

When a **sustainable means of transport** is selected, the **Green Travel flag** is automatically applied, increasing the **funded travel duration available for claim** from 2 to 6 days.

***NB: All projects are subject to checks and audits therefore, beneficiaries must ensure that supporting documents are retained to substantiate their claims if required.***

#### 4. Eligible Key Actions

These travel cost options are available under the following **Erasmus+ Key Actions**:

**KA1 – Learning Mobility of Individuals**, including: **Students** (Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training)

**Staff** (Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education, and School Education)

Youth Exchanges

Mobility projects for sport staff



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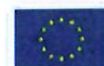


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For full details, please refer to the **Erasmus+ Programme Guide** and consult the **National Agency** for guidance.

Best regards,

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