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Important Update on Green Travel & Expensive Travel Cost Eligibility

Dear Erasmus+ Beneficiaries,

This revised circular provides an update to the information issued in March 2025 regarding **Green Travel** and **Expensive Travel Costs** under the Erasmus+ programme. The update reflects changes introduced by the **European Commission in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026**, particularly the clarification of eligible modes of sustainable transport.

1. Updated Green Travel Eligibility (Programme Guide 2026)

Green travel refers to the use of environmentally friendly, low-emission modes of transport such as **trains, buses, carpooling, and other sustainable options** instead of air travel.

Under the 2026 Programme Guide, the Commission has clarified that:

✓ Ferry travel may also be considered as green travel,

when it is combined with other low-emission modes of transport (e.g., bus, train, bike, carpooling) and **when more than 50% of the total journey distance is completed using sustainable transport.**

Beneficiaries opting for green travel may receive:

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



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To claim green travel support, beneficiaries must provide:

- Tickets or receipts for ferry, train, bus, or other sustainable transport.
- For carpooling: a signed declaration by all travellers.

Example: A participant travelling from Malta to Germany who uses a ferry (or flight) to Sicily and then continues the majority of the journey by train qualifies for green travel, provided that **over 50% of the total distance** is covered using sustainable modes.

Green Travel Rates (Call Years 2025 & 2026)

(unchanged from previous circular)

Travel Distance Green Travel Non-Green Travel

10–99 km	€56	€28
100–499 km	€285	€211
500–1999 km	€417	€309
2000–2999 km	€535	€395
3000–3999 km	€785	€580
4000–7999 km	€1188	€1188
8000 km or more	€1735	€1735

2. Expensive Travel Costs Eligibility

Participants may apply for reimbursement of expensive travel costs when the standard travel grant does not cover at least **70% of actual travel expenses**, due to:

- Remote or hard-to-reach locations
- High travel costs linked to economic conditions
- Accessibility-related travel requirements

If approved, **80% of actual travel costs** may be reimbursed, replacing the standard unit-cost travel grant.

Required documentation:

- A cost comparison and justification
- Receipts and supporting evidence of actual travel costs



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3. Travel Grant and Funded Travel Days

Beneficiaries must indicate the number of funded travel days in the mobility activity:

- **Up to 2 travel days** for non-sustainable transport
- **Up to 6 travel days** for sustainable (green) transport

The system automatically calculates the travel grant based on:

- Activity type
- Distance band
- Main means of transport selected

Selecting a sustainable mode automatically activates the **Green Travel** flag.

Important: All projects remain subject to checks and audits. Beneficiaries must retain all supporting documentation.

4. Eligible Key Actions

Green Travel and Expensive Travel Costs apply to:

- **KA1 – Learning Mobility of Individuals**, including:
 - Higher Education students and staff
 - VET learners and staff
 - Adult Education staff
 - School Education staff
 - Youth Exchanges
 - Mobility projects for sport staff

For full details, please consult the **Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026** <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/erasmus-programme-guide-2026>

Best regards,

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