



# EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

## TWINNING NEWS 15



### European Neighbourhood Twinning Projects Pipeline for July-August-September 2009



<b>Twinning number</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>To be circulated to MS from July to September 2009</b>
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#### ARMENIA

AM09/ENP-PCA/TP/03	Strengthening the Capacity of the General Department of Civil Aviation	<b>Launched: 16.06.2009</b> <i>Deadline for proposals: 07.09.2009</i>
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#### AZERBAIJAN

AZ08/ENP-PCA/FI/07	Preparing the National Bank to Implement Basel-II Accord	<i>Re-launching: No offers received 12/2008 July-August 2009</i>
AZ09/ENP-PCA/FI/08	Enhancing Effectiveness & Efficiency of Social Protection Policy	July-August 2009
To be confirmed (09)	Occupational Health Safety	September 2009
To be confirmed (10)	Development of awareness on Human Rights and Discriminations (Ombudsman)	September 2009 <i>Twinning light</i>

#### GEORGIA

GE09/ENP-PCA/TP/03	Harmonization with EU Norms in the Field of Civil Aviation	<b>Launched: 24.06.2009</b> <i>Deadline for proposals: 28.09.2009</i>
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## LEBANON

LB09/AA/FI/06	Compliance & Risk Management for Tax Administration	<b>Launched: 09.06.2009</b> <b>Deadline for proposals: 04.09.2009</b>
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## MOLDOVA

MD09/ENP-PCA/FI/03	Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Competition and State Aid Policy	July-September 2009
MD09/ENP-PCA/OT/04	Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights	July-September 2009
MD09/ENP-PCA/FI/05	Support to the Public Procurement System	July-September 2009

## MOROCCO

MA08/ENP-AP/OT/14	Intégration du Centre national de la recherche scientifique et technique (CNRST) à l'Espace européen de recherche	July-August 2009
MA08/ENP-AP/TP/15	Renforcement de la sécurité routière	July-August 2009
MA08/ENP-AP/FI/16	Harmonisation des statistiques du commerce extérieur – Office des changes	July-August 2009
MA09/ENP-AP/FI/17	Partenariats public privé, gouvernance et information financière des entreprises publiques	July-August 2009
MA09/ENP-AP/OT/18	Promotion et protection des droits de propriété industrielle et intellectuelle	July-August 2009
MA09/ENP-AP/EY/19	Prospective, programmation, suivi et évaluation de la politique énergétique nationale	July-August 2009



## TUNISIA

TU09/ENP-AP/FI/19	Mise en place d'un cadre de politique monétaire axé sur le ciblage de l'inflation à la Banque Centrale de Tunisie	July-August 2009
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## UKRAINE

UA09/ENP-PCA/EN/17	Implementation of the Law on Ecological Audit	<b>Launched: 24.06.2009</b> <i>Deadline for proposals: 05.10.2009</i>
To be confirmed (18)	Public Debt Management System & Budgetary Forecasting	September 2009
To be confirmed (19)	Harmonizing Ukraine's Official Statistics with EU Standards	September 2009 <i>Twinning light</i>
To be confirmed (20)	Water Services Management at Municipal Level	September 2009

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/overview/twinning\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/overview/twinning_en.htm)

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## **Twinning: Application of new per diem rates as from 9 July 2009**

We would like to confirm the most recent adjustment of the maximum per diem rates paid to experts on mission undertaken in the course of an EC funded contract as published by EuropeAid Co-operation Office at the following website address:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/per\\_diems/](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/per_diems/)

These new maximum rates are valid for missions undertaken **as from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009** as explained below. Please find herewith for your easy



reference the list with the adjusted rates specifically compiled for all Neighbourhood Countries in the South and in the East which may be beneficiaries of Twinning assistance.

It should be noted that the specific per diem rates as published by EuropeAid represent a maximum amount. Lower per diem fees may be applied, in particular for activities outside major cities.

**As you will read, the updated per diem rates reach €292 for Azerbaijan and €337 for Ukraine. If these rates are applied without any further guidelines, one might anticipate that it may have adverse consequences on the amount of assistance that Member State experts could provide to the Azerbaijani and Ukrainian public administrations, since amounts initially intended for project activities might instead be absorbed by the payment of high per diem rates. Bearing in mind that the published EuropeAid per diem rates represent an indicative ceiling, we therefore suggest to maintain this ceiling to €220 for Azerbaijan and €280 for Ukraine.**

The new per diem rates apply to all missions undertaken by short and medium term Member State experts including the Project leader for all Twinning contracts as from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

The common Twinning manual (entered into force on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007) clearly provides under the same section 5.6.2 that the date of the mission determines the rate applicable and the



relevant provision even clarifies that the rate can therefore vary over the lifetime of a Twinning project.

Please remember that the subsistence allowance of Resident Twinning Advisors mentioned in Twinning contracts notified **after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004** should not at this stage be affected by the update of the EuropeAid per diem rates. Indeed the common Twinning manual (in both versions of 2005 and 2007 respectively) provides in their already mentioned section 5.6.2 that the applicable rate of the subsistence allowance is fixed at the time of the signature of the Twinning contract for its entire duration. It is not subject to revision during the lifetime of the project.

Please note that for Twinning contracts which haven't been yet approved by Headquarters and for which there is no tight deadline of contracting, we suggest to modify the budget according to the new per diems (when the per diem rates have decreased this is obligatory, when these rates have increased this remains an indicative ceiling).

For those Twinning contracts which are in the process of being signed, the change of per diems should be visible in the budget after the signature of the Twinning contract and notified in the financial report submitted by Twinning partners.



<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>Previous per diem rate in €</b>	<b>New per diem rate in € as of 09/07/2009</b>
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Israel</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>EAST</b>		
<b>Armenia</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	<b>220 (instead of 318)</b>	<b>220 (instead of 292)</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Moldova</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>280 (instead of 367)</b>	<b>280 (instead of 337)</b>