Cost Category A:

Contributions for recruited Researchers (DN & PF)

A.5 SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

**EXAMPLE**

- The requested amount - **EUR 20 000.**
- The closest lower rate - **EUR 18 500.**
- Remaining **No of months** for the researcher in the project = 25 months

**The unit cost in the “Special Needs allowance” category:**

- EUR 740 will be added as a monthly special needs allowance during the remaining 25 months of the project execution
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HOW TO REQUEST SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

- Introduced in the Mobility declaration by the beneficiary.
- The justification explaining the special needs to be provided to the PO (template and procedure under development).
- The request is evaluated by REA. If needed, an expert monitor will assist.
- The project officer confirms the requests.
- Grant modified via an amendment to activate the allowance towards the end of the project.
- If necessary, the maximum grant amount is increased.
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A.5 SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

- The amounts range between EUR 3 000 and EUR 60 000 per researcher.

- Beneficiaries shall claim the closest lower rate per researcher/staff member compared to the estimated actual costs of his/her special needs.

- The approved amount will be divided among the number of months remaining in the fellowship/staff secondment as a “unit cost”.

![Image showing cost categories with values: EUR 3000, EUR 4500, EUR 6000, EUR 9500, EUR 13000, EUR 18500, EUR 27500, EUR 35500, EUR 47500, EUR 60000]
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A.5 SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

The disability - long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments must be certified by a competent national authority.

Special needs allowance:

- Contributes to the additional costs for the acquisition of special needs items and services for researchers with disabilities, e.g. assistance by third persons, adaptation of work environment, additional travel / transportation costs.

- Must not have been funded from another source (e.g. social security or health insurance)

- Requested when the need arises: during the grant implementation (for PF possible during GAP)
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A.5 SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

Recruited researchers with disabilities

- Additional costs for the acquisition of special needs items and services (not covered by other source e.g. social security or health insurance), e.g. assistance by third persons, adaptation of work environment, additional travel/transportation costs

- If necessary, maximum grant amount can be increased via an amendment

- Maximum EUR 60 000 per researcher with disabilities
Cost Category A:

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A.4 LONG-TERM LEAVE ALLOWANCE CALCULATION EXAMPLE

DN researcher on sick leave for 4 months. The *fellowship* is suspended during this period.

DN living + mobility allowances = EUR 4000, beneficiary had to pay 20% of this amount during the 4 months, the social security covered the rest.

The unit cost and total cost in the Long-term leave allowance category:

- Unit cost = EUR 4000 \* 0.2 = EUR 800
- Total cost = EUR 800 \* 4 months = EUR 3200

(beneficiary’s payment obligation to be reimbursed)
Cost Category A:

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A.4 LONG-TERM LEAVE ALLOWANCE

All DCs – if needed

- Contributes to personnel costs incurred by the beneficiaries (not reimbursed by the social security) in case of the researchers’ leave, including maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave, longer than 30 consecutive days.

- The information will be added in the Mobility declaration and the request will be assessed by the REA project officer.

- If necessary, an amendment has to be implemented to increase the maximum grant amount and/or extend the duration.

- All other contributions will be reduced to EUR 0 for the period for which the long-term leave allowance applies.