

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.

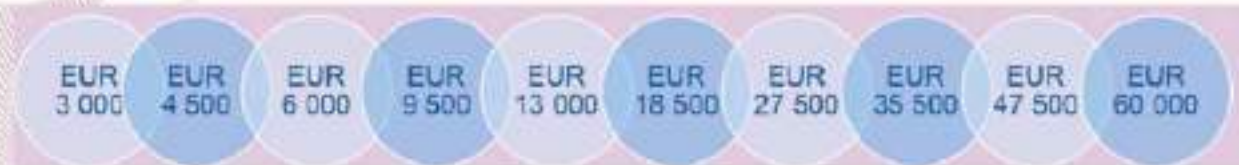
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- The amounts range between **EUR 3 000** and **EUR 60 000** per researcher.



- 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"**.

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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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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

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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.

EXAMPLE

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

$$\text{Unit cost} = \text{EUR } 4000 * 0,2 = \text{EUR } 800$$

$$\text{Total cost} = \text{EUR } 800 * 4 \text{ months} = \text{EUR } 3\,200$$

(beneficiary's payment obligation to be reimbursed)

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NEW! 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.**