

# Travel and Reimbursement Policy

### 1. Eligibility

All representatives of patient organisations who have been invited and whose registration has been confirmed for an EPF event will be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

<u>Anyone</u> who claims travel reimbursement should fulfil the following conditions without any exceptions.

### 2. Costs that will be reimbursed

#### 2.1 TRAVEL

• By plane: cheapest Economic class fare to the maximum of 300€\*.



In most cases the flights will be booked centrally by EPF. However, there are occasions when a participant can book their own travel via the EPF travel agency but for this there has to be an approval from the EPF Events Officer. A link to the travel agency will be provided by EPF Events Officer with the confirmation of your registration. Flights should be arranged as soon as possible to avoid overpaying

\*If the flight exceeds 300€, please contact EPF Events Officer for approval. Without approval we will only reimburse up to 300€.

### Non-reimbursable expenses

- Bookings arranged less than 10 working days before the event;
- Additional insurance;
- Registered luggage (if your trip is 3 nights or shorter);
- Wrapping luggage;
- Changing seats;
- Parking at the airport.



- <u>By train</u>: for long trips (above 3h ride) participants are authorised to travel in first class (Eurostar: economy class).
- By car: reimbursement of 0,22€/KM. Please indicate the departure city/ address and the number of kilometres you drove in the form. This should be supported by a travel route planner (e.g. <a href="www.viamichelin.com">www.viamichelin.com</a>, google maps).



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A maximum of 300€ will be reimbursed for this travel alternative and only upon prior approval. The reimbursement will in no case exceed the equivalent first-class rail fare. Please note that the flat rate of 0,22€/KM already includes all cost related to the use of the car (insurance, petrol, motorway fee, parking fees...).

#### Non-reimbursable expenses (as this is included in the flat rate)

- Parking
- ❖ Pay toll
- Insurance
- Fuel (petrol/ diesel/ LPG/ electric battery charges)
- Speeding fines

#### 2.2 SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

- Local transport: The use of public transport is compulsory.
  - Taxi (Uber) can be used only in case public transport is not available or in case of reduced mobility. Please justify any use of taxis (uber) on the reimbursement form. Without justification we will automatically deduct the expenses.
- <u>Food & beverages</u>: EPF will cover meals and drinks which are consumed before/ after the
  event and are not included in the seminar package based on a reasonable amount
  requested.
- Hotel: If you are not able to arrive on the day of the event, EPF will <u>cover and arrange</u> one
  night of accommodation upon receiving justification. Any additional nights, not indicated
  in the registration form, will be at the cost of the participant. Please do not make your
  own bookings.

#### Non-reimbursable expenses

- ❖ Additional nights (without EPF's Secretariat approval);
- Hotel bookings arranged by the participant without EPF's Secretariat approval;
- Use of taxi without proper justification;
- ❖ Food and beverages which are included in the seminar package (e.g. extra lunch when lunch was offered during the conference);
- Alcoholic drinks and tips.
- Mini bar purchases. Laundry (including ironing)

### We trust our participants to manage their expenses wisely and responsibly.

### 3. Conversion rate

Any expenses made in another currency than Euro has to be converted into Euro. The conversion must be calculated with the official European Commission website and the month in which the expenses were incurred should be used:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts grants/info contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro en.cfm



### 4. Submitting your reimbursement claim

The reimbursement form will be submitted by the claimant only after the event.

- Please use EPF reimbursement form to claim your expenses.
- All expenses have to be justified by original and itemised (listing the price for each item purchased) tickets or receipts. Each receipt will be numbered as a reference. Those are already pre-listed in the form. Please mention that number on the appropriate receipt.
- Please attach all original tickets, receipts, boarding passes and vouchers, and <u>make</u> a copy for your own records first.
- Please contact EPF Events Officer before the event for all expenses beyond or out of this policy and attach the written correspondence to the reimbursement form. If you do not attach the EPF approval, your extra expenses will not be reimbursed.

#### **Deadline for submission**

The form has to be sent to the EPF secretariat

within one month after the event at the latest.

After that date, EPF will not process any reimbursement.

### 5. What should you attach to the form?

- Original receipts for the purchase of flight or train tickets e-mails, e-tickets etc (if not purchased directly by EPF);
- The Secretariat approval for expenses normally not covered;
- Original invoices/ receipts;
- Boarding passes (if you have an electronic version please attach the screenshot/ forward the pdf) for planes, trains, boats, coaches.
- If a private car was used the 'private car usage form' with proof of distance (e.g. Michelin route finder).

## 6. Where should you send the reimbursement form to?



European Patients' Forum, c/o Anna Trzcinska Chaussée d'Etterbeek 180, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

### 7. Help needed?

For any query or for more information, please contact EPF Events Officer:

Office phone number: +32(2)280 23 34

Email: events@eu-patient.eu or anna.trzcinska@eu-patient.eu



# 8. Annex – Template Reimbursement Form

INFORMATION		
Name of Claimant		
Address of the Claimant		
Email address		
Date of the Meeting	20-21.10.2018	
Title of the Meeting		
Account (general, project,)	OG 312	
If you took a taxi please justify		
here (mobility, early or late		
departure,)		

Any expenses made in another currency than Euro has to be converted in EURO. The conversion has to be calculated with the official EC website: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts">http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts</a> grants/info contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro en.cfm

EX	PENSES INCURRI	ED	
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TOTAL			
	BANK DETAILS		
Name of account holder			
Currency of the account			
Name of Bank			
Address of Bank			
Account Number			
IBAN CODE			
SWIFT CODE			

Signature:

#### FOR EPF STAFF – DO NOT COMPLETE

Date in		Exp. Generator approval
Project OG	Budget 312	Label PAS Meeting