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Annex

Calculation method for the annual indexation of amounts

Basic principles for the indexation

1. Legal basis for the indexation of Fees & Charges

Fees and charges payable to the Agency and the conditions of their payment are established in [the Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/764](#) as amended by [the Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1903](#).

Article 10(1a) establishes that:

“Amounts referred to in the Annex shall be indexed by the Agency, for the first time in 2023 and once every financial year thereafter, with effect from 1 January, based on

(a) the annual update of the remuneration and pensions of the officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto as published in the Official Journal of the European Union, in accordance with a calculation method to be agreed by the Agency’s Management Board, and based on the relevant annual financial data used in the Agency’s Single Programming Document and its Consolidated Annual Activity reports; and/or

(b) the inflation rate in the Union, in accordance with the method set out in point 4 of the Annex.”

2. Cost structure of the Fees & Charges

The amounts of Fees & Charges are structured as follows¹:

- a fixed fee for the use of one-stop shop (OSS) (‘fixed OSS fee’),
- a fixed fee due with the submission in the OSS of applications for authorisations in conformity to a vehicle type (VA-CTT) - the fixed OSS fee is included,
- an appeal fee when an appeal² is dismissed or withdrawn,
- either a fixed OSS fee **and** an hourly rate, or an hourly rate alone for all other applications submitted in the OSS and chargeable services offered by the Agency.

To perform the indexation of the amounts, it is necessary to break down the costs to distinguish the elements that need to be indexed with a reference to:

- [Article 10\(1a\)\(a\) the annual update of the remuneration and pensions of the officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto, and](#)
- [Article 10\(1a\)\(b\) the inflation rate in the Union](#)

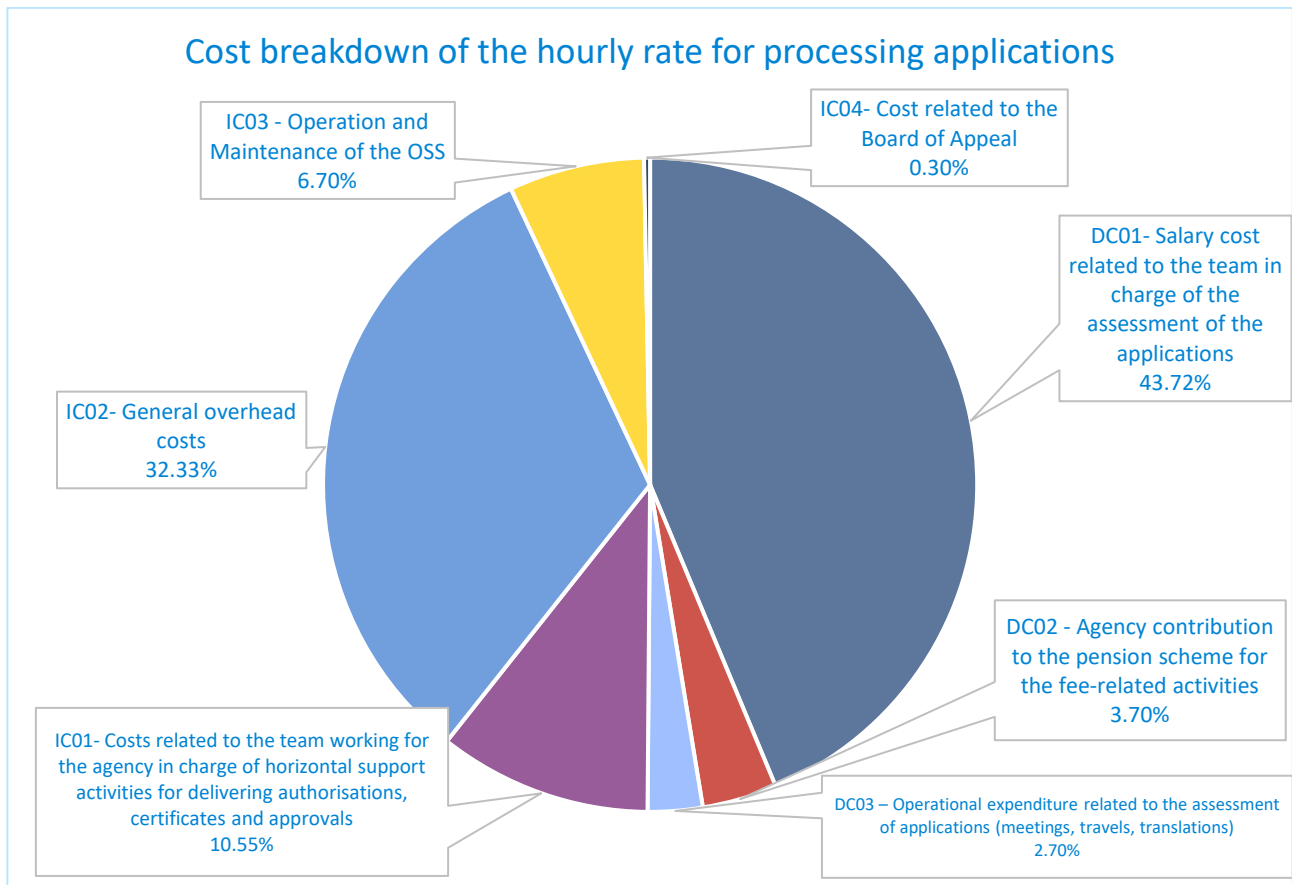
¹ [Fees and charges payable to the Agency and their conditions of payment | ERA \(europa.eu\)](#)

² [pursuant to Article 58 of Regulation \(EU\) 2016/796](#)

To that end, it is appropriate to use a cost-breakdown model³ depicting the precise determination of the sub-amounts which compose the global amounts detailed in the Annex to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/764 as amended by the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1903.

Breakdown n.1 linked to the hourly rate of the Agency

More precisely, the percentual distribution of the sub-amounts for processing applications is as follows:



Breakdown n.2 linked to the fixed fee due with the submission of VA CTT applications

From the hourly cost and the cost for the use of OSS in VA CTT applications, the breakdown of the fixed fees is as follows:

	Units	Cost	Total Eur
Freight wagons and all vehicles referred to in point 2 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 321/2013 year 2022			775
OSS cost	1	75	75
Cost related to the assessment of applications	2.93 h	238.69	700
Thermal or electric traction units, passenger carriages and mobile railway infrastructure construction and maintenance equipment year 2022			970

³ Referenced in document “ERA Note to the file Fees Charges v.1.0.docx” presented during RISC 91 meeting 1st and 2nd July 2021. <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/b75a2703-d0c6-4ebd-9460-fb76aa2494d6/library/3c5b45cd-8b75-4d28-8a7f-dc53ef657b04/details>

OSS cost	1	75	75
Cost related to the assessment of applications	3.75 h	238.69	895
Self-propelling thermal or electric trains year 2022			1115
OSS cost	1	75	75
Cost related to the assessment of applications	4.36 h	238.69	1040

3. Assignment of an index to the cost-breakdown elements

Following 2., the assignment of an index depending on the nature of the cost-breakdown elements:

- *Remuneration and pensions of the officials and other servants of the European Union (IRSP)⁴, or*
- *General inflation in the EU for goods and services (IGS)⁵, follows:*

Direct costs components:	%	Indexation
DC01- Salary cost related to the team in charge of the assessment of the applications	43.72%	IRSP
DC02 - Agency contribution to the pension scheme for the fee-related activities	3.70%	IRSP
DC03 – Operational expenditure related to the assessment of applications (meetings, travels, translations)	2.70%	IGS
Indirect costs components:		
IC01- Costs related to the team working for the Agency in charge of horizontal support activities for delivering authorisations, certificates and approvals	10.55%	IRSP
IC02- General overhead costs	32.33%	IRSP
IC03 - Operation and Maintenance of the OSS	6.70%	IGS
IC04- Cost related to the Board of Appeal	0.30%	IRSP

4. Formulas for the indexation

Having considered points 1., 2. and 3. the formulas to be used are as follows:

4.1 Indexation of hourly rate

$$\text{Hourly Rate}_{\text{year } n} = \text{Hourly Rate}_{\text{year } n-1} \times [1 + \text{IRSP}_{\text{year } n-1} \times (90.60\%) + \text{IGS}_{\text{year } n-1} \times (9.40\%)]$$

The result of the calculation shall be rounded up to next integer.

4.2 Indexation of the fixed fee for the use of the one-stop shop (OSS)

$$\text{Fixed Fee OSS}_{\text{year } n} = \text{Fixed Fee OSS}_{\text{year } n-1} \times (1 + \text{IGS}_{\text{year } n-1})$$

⁴ Data source: [Eurostat Civil servants remuneration annual report](#) | Index components: (i) adjustment of the nominal net remuneration (calculated in the Executed Summary as: (i-a) global specific indicator in real terms (Table 1) + (i-b) Joint Belgium-Luxembourg Index (Table 3)) + (ii) correction coefficient for staff outside BE and LU (Table 5: FR Paris); in short IRSP = [(i-a) + (i-b)] + (ii) | Reference period: July n-2 – June n-1 (as in the annual report)

⁵ Data source: Eurostat [HICP - monthly data \(index\)](#) [PRC_HICP_MIDX], 2015 = 100, % change/12 months average | Geographic scope: “European Union” (incl. non-Eurozone) | Reference date: 3 months prior to the implementation of the indexation (as per [COM IR \(EU\) 2021/1903](#) Annex Art.4)

The result of the calculation shall be rounded up to next integer.

4.3 Indexation of the fixed fee for authorisations in conformity to a vehicle type (VA-CTT)

$$\text{Fixed Fee VA - CTT}_{\text{Year } n} = \text{OSS cost}_{\text{Year } n-1} \times (1 + \text{IGS}_{\text{Year } n-1}) + \text{Units} \times \text{Hourly Rate}_{\text{Year } n}$$

The result of the calculation shall be rounded up to next integer.