

Proposal for an increase in the compensation for stays

The current compensation for a 4 week stay financed by LACE is **2440 EUR for 4 weeks** and includes all expenses (travel, accommodation, per diem), voted in 2004.

Proportionally, for a one week stay, 610 EUR are reimbursed.

The problems:

1) the compensation is not sufficient for a two week stay in Toulouse (that includes air travel and accommodation) in a case when Meteo France can't provide accommodation or in many other non-LACE countries.

Proposal:

A) increase the compensation proportionally to inflation to **3320 EUR/4 weeks**, e.g. 830 EUR/week (see point two for details)

B) travel 100%

C) additionally reimburse accommodation 100%

D) additionally reimburse travel 50% and accommodation 50%

The directors are asked to consider these proposals and express their opinion and preference for a solution.

2) There was considerable inflation and the expenses have increased.

Accumulated inflation rate for 2004-2017

| Country | effective | sum |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Austria | 30.3117989133495 | 26.77 |
| Czech Republic | 33.4156583827916 | 29.28 |
| Hungary | 64.470913079238 | 51.06 |
| Slovak Republic | 39.4711438839824 | 33.99 |
| Slovenia | 31.3014266581601 | 27.67 |
| Average | 39.7941881835043 | 33.754 |

Table 1. Accumulated inflation rate for the period from 2004 to 2017 for the countries where it is computed with a same standard, the two averages are computed from the total inflation rates using different methods.

The compensation corrected for inflation (for a 4 week stay) depending on a method is 3253 EUR and 3416 EUR for a four week stay.

Therefore, I propose to increase the compensation to 3320 EUR for a four week stay (830 EUR per week).