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The rules for reimbursement of national experts deployed by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) are detailed in Decision No 16 of the Management Board of EASO (of 23 November 2012, as amended on 8 November 2016), which is referred to by the Honourable Members.

The Decision in question differentiates between, on the one hand, Member State experts employed by national administrations and deployed by Member States upon nomination by an authorised representative (National Contact Point), and on the other hand individual experts not employed by national administrations.

For Member State experts, the deployment and related costs are managed between EASO and the authorised representative. The deployment letter provides the legal basis for reimbursements. In the deployment letter, signed by the Head of Department of Operations, it is specified that "the costs for the deployment are reimbursed to the authorised representative". In other words, for Member States experts, it is the national authority that is reimbursed, not the expert directly. EASO is not in a position to give instructions to Member States regarding their national/internal reimbursement policies. Each Member State reimburses its experts according to their national legislation and practice.