

**Priority question for written answer P-003447/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** The stagnation of daily payments for independent experts in Horizon Europe and the resulting risk of geographical under-representation

The payment made to an expert for a full day of work is currently EUR 450. Unlike the daily allowance and the accommodation allowance, this amount has not been adjusted for inflation. This potentially contributes to lowering the appeal of taking part in panels for experts from certain parts of the EU and increases the risk of the panels having an imbalance in terms of geographical representation.

1. Does the Commission agree with the assessment that the stagnation in the payment made to experts for a full day of work leads to some Member States being under-represented on the panels?
2. Will the Commission consider reviewing Article 4 of the Model Contract for Experts (version 2.1, 11 January 2022) in order to attract independent experts from all parts of the EU? If not, what can be done to ensure a geographical balance among the experts?

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