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## Financial compensation for Member States' participation in the linguistic checking of product related information: Fixed flat hourly cost for 2012

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### Background note

On 29 September 2005 the Agency's Management Board agreed on the introduction of a revised handling of translations of product related information for human and veterinary medicines. Further to such agreement, service contracts were signed with the National Competent Authorities (NCAs) of the Member States to provide financial compensation for their participation in the linguistic checking of product related information in their respective national languages.

### Matters for consideration

The financial compensation/remuneration scheme for the NCAs' involvement in the linguistic checking process is based on workload estimations multiplied by a fixed flat hourly cost. Workload estimations are based on the information provided in the official Agency's Work Programme. At the beginning of each year the financial compensation/remuneration is calculated taking into account the workload as forecasted for that particular year on the basis of the official workload figures as stated in the Agency's Work Programme of that year, and an updated fixed flat hourly cost (to take into account the inflation rate as provided by Eurostat).

The Management Board is invited to endorse the fixed flat hourly cost for 2012 to be set as €41 (for information, this cost was €40 since 2009).

