

Cross-border season tickets: Why this parsimony?

Since 1 March, public transport **within the limits of Luxembourg** is **free of charge**.

By communication of 1 September, staff were informed of the new arrangements for subsidising cross-border public transport season tickets.

The new arrangements adopted by the institution prevent the net charge for the commuter from being, [in some cases, more expensive than before](#) 1 March.

However, while the new arrangements adopted by the **Court of Justice** take a “harmonised approach” with the other EU institutions and bodies in Luxembourg, they are “lighter” than those of the **European Commission**, which led the operation.

The following comparison speaks for itself:

COMMISSION	COURT OF JUSTICE
1. Starting point of period covered for year 2020	
1 March	1 September
2. Period of refundable season tickets	
Yearly or monthly with the possibility of combining train and bus and adding together monthly tickets to claim up to four reimbursements per year	Yearly only
3. Reimbursement rates	
By income bracket : 1. Double ceiling Maximum 50% of the season ticket price <i>and</i> Maximum €250 per year 2. For a salary up to an AST1/1 Double ceiling Maximum 75% of the season ticket price <i>and</i> Maximum €400 per year	Without distinction of income: Double ceiling Maximum 50% of the season ticket price <i>and</i> Maximum €250 per year

Finally, we are surprised that the **subsidy application form** contains the statement that “*no other subsidy has been received for the same period*”. Obviously, no such clause could prevent a trade union from subsidising its members lest it undermine freedom of association. We are surprised that the institution never noticed the fact that, for many years now, **EPSU-CJ** has been subsidising its members who take public transport [season tickets](#) up to €50 per year.

While expecting the administration to make up for this slip, which could lead to misunderstandings, we invite cross-border colleagues to take advantage of both subsidies, from the institution and the union.

The pandemic can seriously harm your health. And labour relations, too!

EPSU-CJ, the only representative trade union of the Court's staff, which formally requested a consultation on 31 January, was simply informed of the decision on 1 September, on the day it was published.

Don't allow this happen again! Make **EPSU-CJ** a key interlocutor for the Court of Justice. [Join!](#)

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