





EURES - TARGETED MOBILITY SCHEME (TMS)

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Candidate application for Interview Allowance

Instructions for jobseekers (Version 1 - June 2025)

Did you receive a Job interview invitation from an Employer registered in the EURES TMS? If so, please verify the eligibility conditions with your Adviser in order to apply for an Interview Allowance. This financial benefit gives you the opportunity to cover the costs of your interview trip.

Beneficiaries: candidates pre-selected by a project Adviser for an EURES TMS job vacancy and selected by a registered employer for a job interview.

Amount: The contribution varies according to the unit costs specified in Decision C(2021) 3514 and covers travel, subsistence and accommodation costs.

When can it be requested?

The interview trip should only take place **when there is a high probability of its success**; in fact, the project promotes and supports the online mode as a matter of environmental sustainability.

The employer must always declare in writing that it does not cover the cost of the interview (travel and accommodation), otherwise the benefit cannot be claimed.

In exceptional cases, the candidate may need **a second trip**, which is the case when an employer requires two interview stages (exceptional case). This option is therefore limited to candidates with high recruitment potential, in which case the assigned Adviser assesses the possibility of a second interview. The duration of the trip may vary according to the

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employer's needs and/or geographical distance. The maximum duration of the trip must always be reasonable. Any trip exceeding five days must be duly justified.

Unit travel costs cover return trips. However, the distance calculation is made based on the one-way distance between the point of departure and the point of destination. To calculate the distance between two points for rail or air travel, the candidate can use the distance calculation tool "**LAND TRAVEL CALCULATOR e FLIGHT CALCULATOR**" made available by the European Commission (Calculate unit costs for eligible travel costs – European Commission) at this website:

https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs_en#flight-calculator

Please note: We recommend that candidates obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before travelling for an interview in another country. This card, which is free of charge, allows access to necessary and government- provided medical care during a temporary stay in any European Economic Area (EEA) country, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free of charge in some countries) as for insured citizens of that country. It is also recommended that applicants take out travel insurance before departure.

How to apply for the benefit?

The candidate, having received the invitation to the job interview from an employer via the platform, fills in the payment request form, specifying the number of nights spent in the country of the interview (necessary for the calculation of accommodation) and the number of travel days (essential for the calculation of food), it also enters the distance by land/air using the EU tool. The assigned Adviser calculates the amount to be paid based on the criteria specified above, in accordance with the EU Directive and the simplified guidelines to be provided by the Project Coordinator.

Please note: before you start completing your interview benefit form, make sure the Employer has previously requested it for you through an Employer interview invitation. If the Employer covers the cost of the interview, you cannot claim the interview allowance.





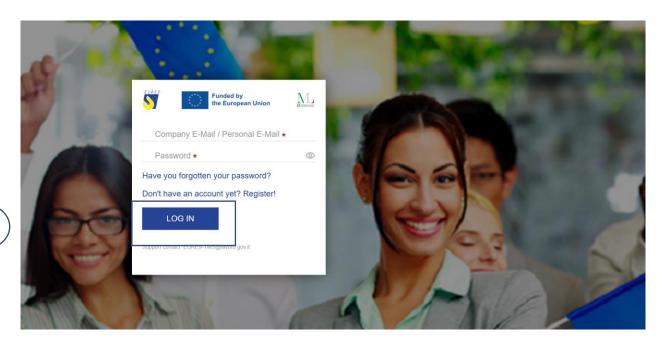


HOW TO GET THE INTERVIEW ALLOWANCE IN 4 STEPS



Login to the project platform

→ Login into your dashboard by inserting your e-mail and password (#1.1)









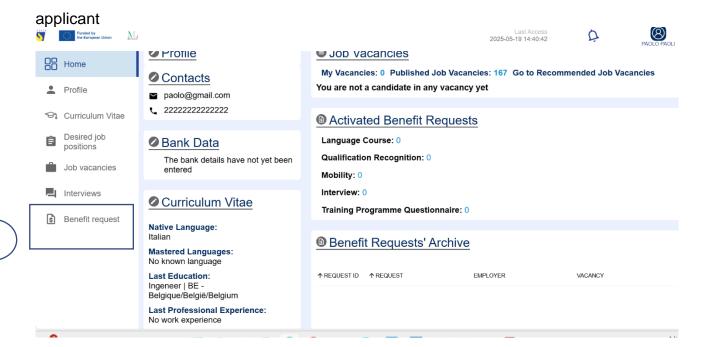


Check the invite to attend a job interview in your e-mail account

If a registered employer selects you for a job interview, you will be notified by email and via a notification on your EURES TMS platform dashboard.

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→ From Home, go to Benefit Request (#2.1)



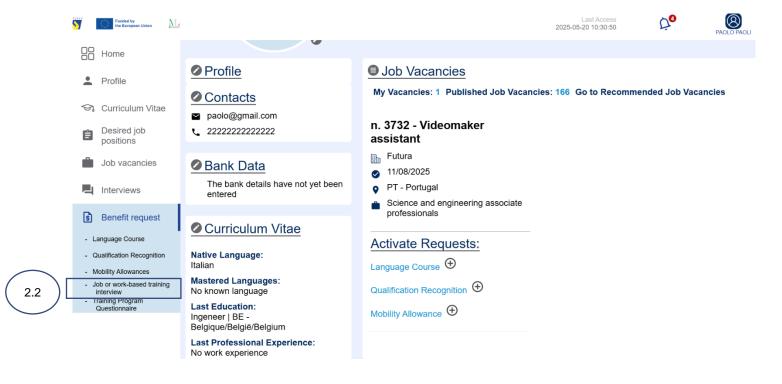
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→ Go to **Job or work-based training interview** section (#2.2)



→ select the job for which you have been pre-selected (#2.3) and click on **View and fill out** (#2.4)









Fill in the Interview Request Form

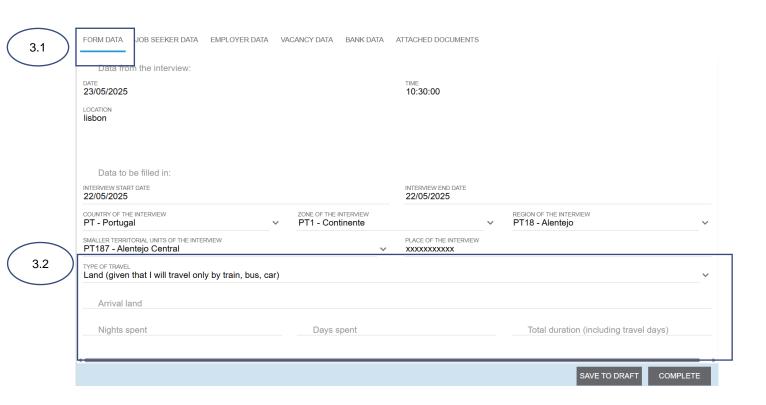
The interview request form is composed of several sections: form data, job seeker data, employer data, vacancy data, bank data, and attached documents. Some of these will need to be filled in manually, while others will be automatically completed by the system.

→ In **Forma data** section (#3.1), you have to enter details on your travel. In **Type of travel** (#3.2) you have three possibilities:







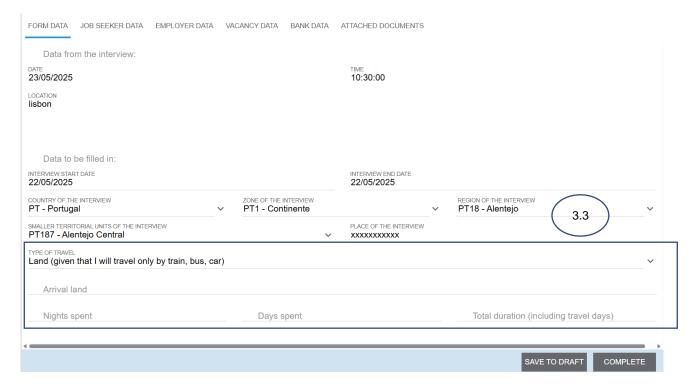








1. **Land** (given that I will travel only by train, bus, car) (#3.3): in this case you have to fill out arrival land; nights spent; days spent; total duration (including travel days)

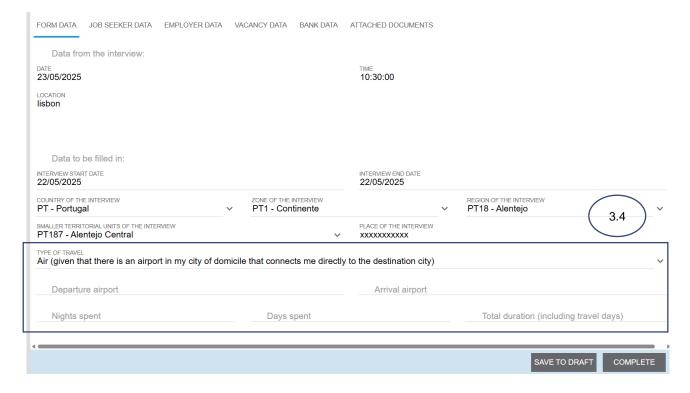








2. **Air** (given that there is an airport in my city of domicile that connects me directly to the destination city) (#3.4): in this case you have to fill out departure airport; arrival airport; nights spent; days spent; total duration (including travel days)

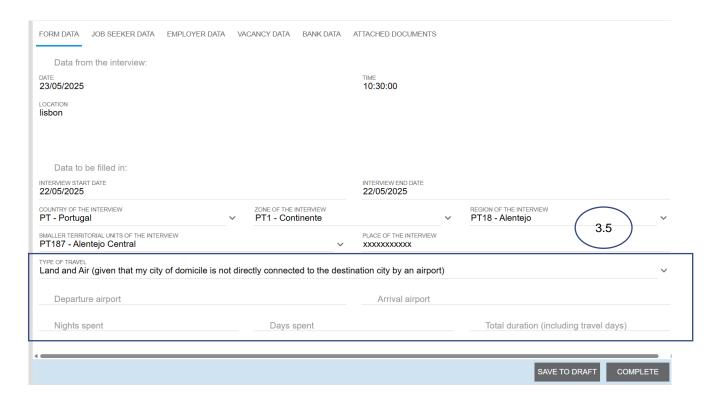








3. **Land and Air** (given that my city of domicile is not directly connected to the destination city by an airport) (#3.5): in this case you have to fill out departure airport; arrival airport; nights spent; days spent; total duration (including travel days)

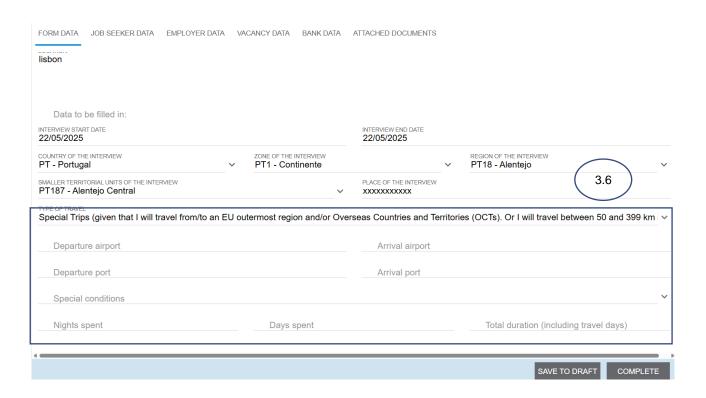








4. **Special Trips** (given that I will travel from/to an EU outermost region and/or Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs). Or I will travel between 50 and 399 km in Luxembourg, Cyprus or Malta. Or I will travel by ferry from an island to reach the mainland. Or I will travel a distance of 50 to 399 km between an EU Member State (Iceland, Norway) and a non-EU country) (#3.6): in this case you have to fill out departure airport; arrival airport; departure port; arrival port; special conditions; nights spent; days spent; total duration (including travel days).

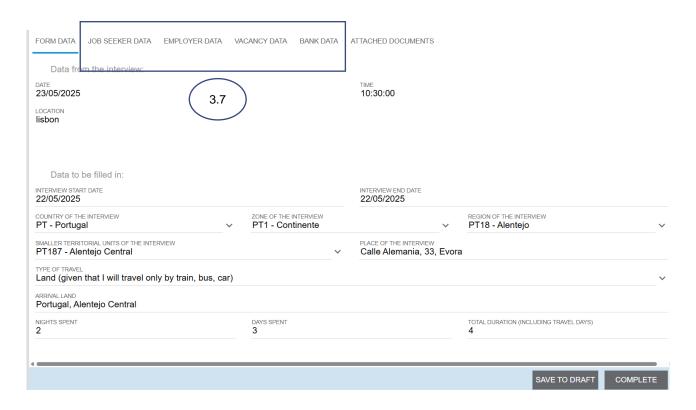








→ Check that all other information you provided (**Jobseeker, Employer, Vacancy and Bank Data**) is correct (#3.7)



If you haven't done it yet: fill in the **bank details item**. If you have already done it, make sure that all data are up-to-date and correctly filled. Please consider that the required financial benefit is payable only if your bank details are correct. The payment will be executed to the bank account indicated in this stage.

ATTENTION: change the bank details only within the project platform, after entering with your credentials. Keep your bank information secret and be wary of emails or calls from people asking for your bank details or other information: they could be scammers! Check that your ID card uploaded is still valid and, if not, kindly, upload the new one before signing your application form!

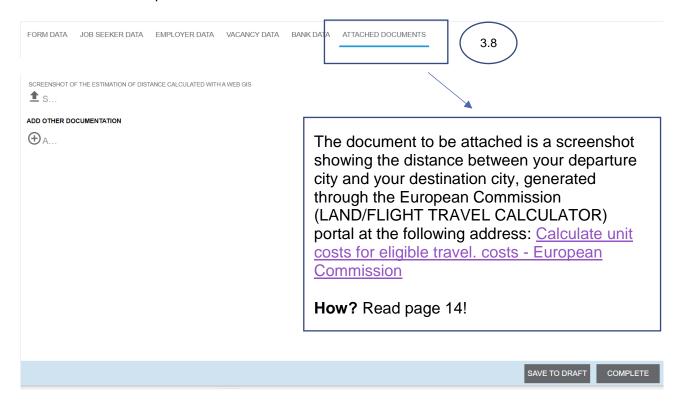






→ Upload the required **Attached Documents** (#3.8)

To verify that all required attachments have been uploaded correctly, please refer to the FAQ section at the end of this document

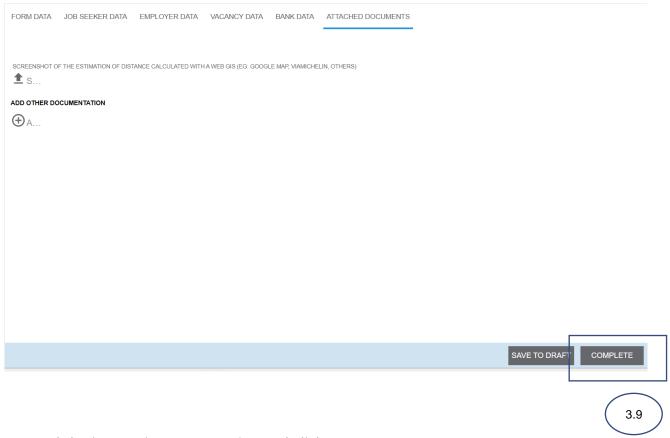




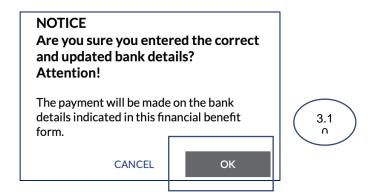




→ Once all the request is filled in, click on **Complete** (#3.9)



→ Read the instructions you receive and click on **OK** (#3.10)





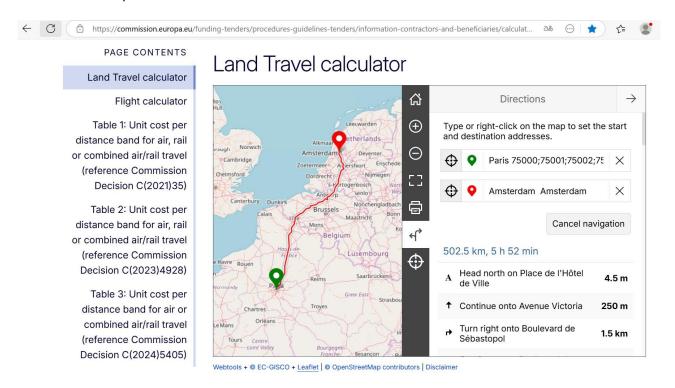




TIPS: How to make a screenshot from the LAND/FLIGHT TRAVEL CALCULATOR

→ Click on the following link: <u>Calculate unit costs for eligible travel costs - European Commission</u>

If you are travelling by land, enter the departure and arrival cities to calculate the distances on this screen, then take a screenshot and upload it in the 'attached document' section on the platform.



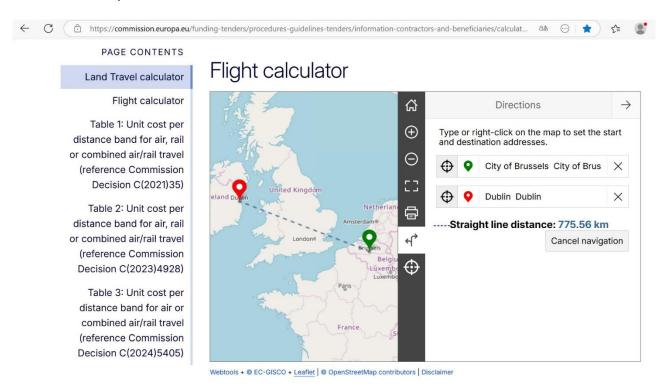
For example, a train trip from Paris to Amsterdam is calculated as shown in the figure above. Make sure the number of kilometers is visible as well—this allows the advisers to calculate your reimbursement based on the distance brackets.







If you are travelling by plane, enter the departure and arrival cities to calculate the distances on this screen, then take a screenshot and upload it in the 'attached document' section on the platform.



For example, a flight from Brussels to Dublin is calculated as shown in the figure above. Make sure the number of kilometres is visible as well—this allows the advisers to calculate your reimbursement based on the distance bands.

Please note: if your trip is combined, you must attach two screenshots—one for the land travel and one for the flight travel, each showing the respective departure and arrival points.

<u>Please Note</u>: based on the information provided by you, your EURES TMS project adviser will determine the amount of travel costs corresponding to the estimated distance, number of days and number of nights, in accordance with Decision C(2021)3514.









Sign the Interview Allowance Request with One Time Password code (OTP)

→ By clicking on **Complete**, the Candidate **Application for Interview Allowance** preview automatically opens (#4.1). Click on the **Send OTP** to receive the code by e-mail (#4.2)









→ Read carefully the **Terms and Conditions**, then click on **Accept** (#4.3)

Advanced electronic signature Terms and conditions

EURES Targeted Mobility scheme is a project managed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, jointly with Italian and foreign partners (public and private bodies) with the aim of giving:

- candidates the opportunity to have work/paid traineeship or apprenticeship experience in organizations/enterprises in all EU Member States and Norway and Iceland, as EFTA/EEA Country members.
- eligible employers the opportunity to offer a job or traineeship or apprenticeship in the framework of the EURES Targeted mobility scheme project.
- candidates and employers to have the chance to take advantage of the services and financial benefits of the EURES TMS.
- candidates and employers information about the EURES TMS project, financial benefits and services

These services are provided through the EURES TMS project platform. In particular, through the platform beneficiaries, in compliance with the project rules and procedures, can apply for financial benefits.

How to apply for financial benefits?

All applications are managed through the EURES TMS project platform. It is necessary to fill in the application form, upload the required annexes per measure, and sign the application form through the Advanced electronic signature.

What is the advanced electronic signature?

It is an electronic signature foresees by the REGULATION (EU) No 910/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC and the Italian DPCM of 22 February 2013, Technical rules on generation, affixing and verification of advanced, qualified electronic signatures e digital, pursuant to articles 20, paragraph 3, 24, paragraph 4, 28, paragraph 3, 32, paragraph 3, letter b), 35, paragraph 2, 36, paragraph 2, and 71, at the artt. 55, 56 and 57.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Policies provides this service of electronic signature under the art. 55, par. 2 a) and as an institution offering services for institutional reasons and realizes it on its own.

How to sign the EURES TMS application form through advanced electronic signature? Follow

DECLINE

ACCEPT

4.3

Please, scroll down to visualize the button to accept







→ Enter the **OTP** you received by e-mail (#4.4) and sign the **Interview Allowance Request** by clicking on **Confirm** (#4.5)





PLEASE NOTE: The OTP expires within 10 minutes!

→ Your Interview Allowance Request has been correctly signed. Click on **OK** to complete the procedure (#4.6)





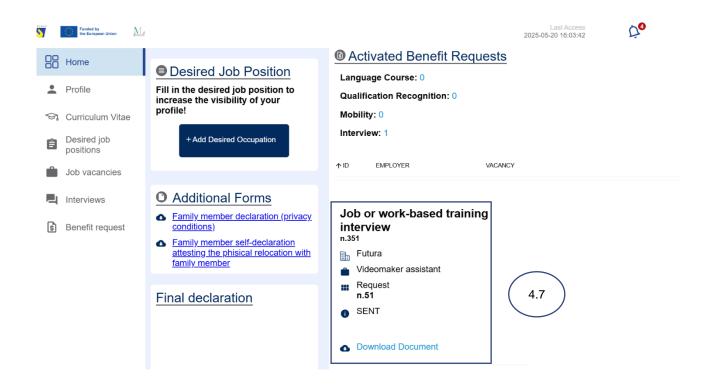






→ Your **Interview Allowance Request** has been **Sent** (#4.7) and it is ready to be checked by your Adviser

Please note: every time your status updates, you will receive an e-mail or a notification on your dashboard

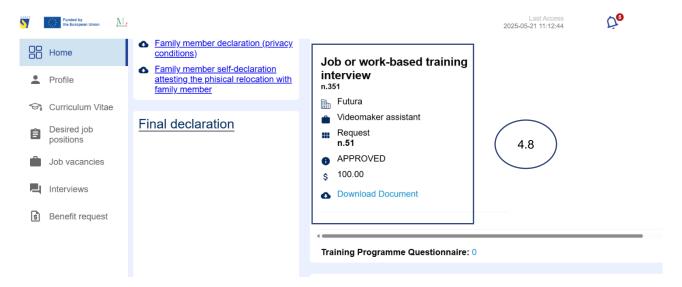








→ Once your Adviser has approved your **Interview Allowance Request**, the status will change to **Approved** (#4.8)

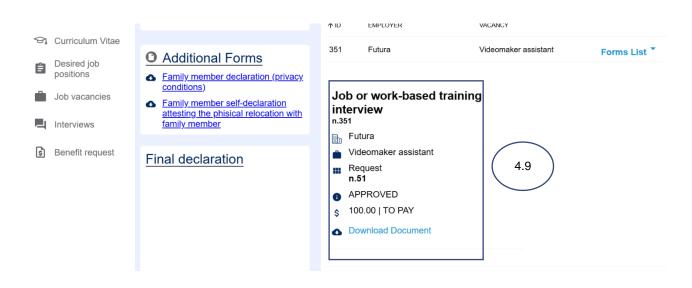


→ Once the Project Staff has approved your **Interview Allowance Request**, the status will change to **Approved – To Pay** (#4.9)

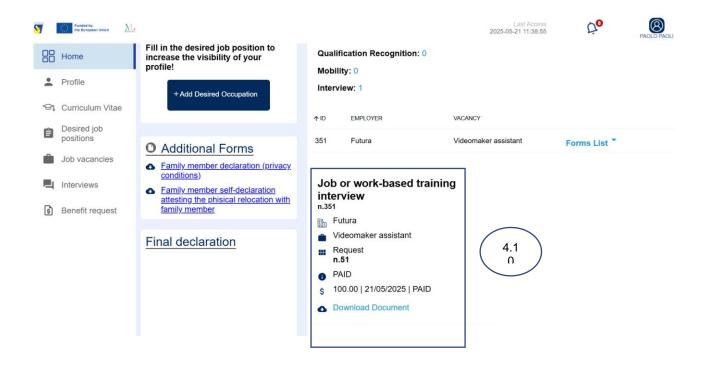








→ When the payment request is approved by the project staff and sent to payment, the status of the request will change to **Paid** (#4.10)

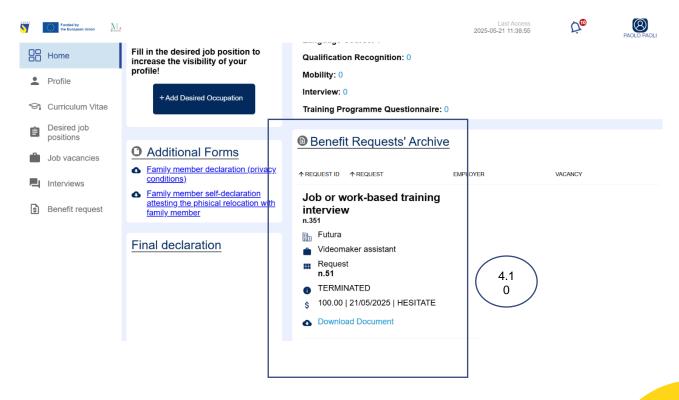








→ Once the payment has been completed, the request is removed from the Activated Benefit Requests section. You can now find it in the **Benefit Requests Archive** with the status **Terminated – Hesitate** (#4.10)









Did anything go wrong? Can't you sign the form?

Please make sure all required annexes have been uploaded (refer to the FAQ at the end of the document to ensure the attachments are correct), and check that all fields in the form are properly filled in. Once everything is complete, please resubmit the form.

What happens next?

Once the form is completed and all required documents are attached, your application will be reviewed by your Adviser and the project staff.

If there are any issues or uncertainties, your Adviser will contact you for additional information or clarification.

If everything is correct and the documents are approved by the project staff, your benefit will be processed and issued as soon as possible.

Please note: the amount will be paid from Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini, co-applicant of the project, charged with the benefit payment responsibility.

Do you need more information or clarification on procedures? Please do not hesitate to contact your project Adviser!







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Frequently Asked Questions Interview Allowance

1. Who can claim the Interview allowance?

EURES TMS candidates, pre-selected for a job interview, receiving an invitation from an Employer registered in the EURES TMS platform.

Limitations

Applicants already supported by previous/others TMS projects should submit their application to the Project Adviser for a case-by-case evaluation to avoid double funding.

2. Which documents should I upload in the attached documents box to apply for the Interview allowance?

The document to be attached is a **screenshot showing the distance** between your departure city and your destination city, generated through the European Commission (**LAND/FLIGHT TRAVEL CALCULATOR**) portal at the following address: <u>Calculate unit costs for eligible travel costs - European Commission</u>

If you haven't done it yet: fill in the **bank details** section. If you have already done it, make sure that all data are up-to-date and correctly filled. Please consider that the required financial benefit is payable only if your bank details are correct. The payment will be executed to the bank account indicated in this stage.

Check that **your ID card uploaded** is still valid and, if not, kindly upload the new one before signing your application form!

3. What should I check before confirming my application?

- The screenshots are clear, easy to read, and show the distance in kilometres
- Your bank data is up to date to receive the payment