

How much are MEPs paid?

MEPs in the European Parliament are among the highest paid politicians in the world, enjoying generous perks on top of their monthly salaries



Exchange rate:
€1 = £0.88 = \$1.11



Salary

€8,757 per month
(as of July 2018) –
equal to **€105,092**
per year before tax.
In comparison, British
members of parliament
earn **€90,250** per year

Subsistence

€320 per day to cover
hotel bills, meals and
“related costs” when in
Brussels or Strasbourg
on official business
(paid only if MEPs sign
attendance register)

Pension

At 63, MEP entitled to
3.5% of salary for each
year in office, until it
reaches ceiling of 70%
of salary. **Annual
payment could be
as much as €73,564**

Travel expenses



Refunded
travel to
European
Parliament
meetings (receipts
required). **Maximum of
business class air fare,
first class rail fare or
€0.53 per km by car**

€4,454 per year
refunded for other travel
outside MEP's home
country, plus 24 return
trips inside country

General allowance

€4,513
per month for
office costs
in MEP's
constituency,
including rent,
computers, phones
and conferences
(receipts not required)



Staff budget

€24,943 per month
to cover recruitment of
personal assistants

Transition payments

When term in office
ends, MEP entitled to
one month's salary for
every year served,
up to two years' pay.
Worth up to €210,184

Other perks

Access to
cars and
offices in Brussels and
Strasbourg for official
business. Two-thirds of
medical bills refunded

