



## European Ombudsman - monthly remuneration 2017

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The salary and allowances of the Ombudsman are set in law by **Council Regulation (EU) No 2016/300**, of 29 February 2016 (determining the emoluments of EU high-level public office holders). This Regulation is based on the remuneration of European Union officials, whose initial level and method for the subsequent increments have been set by the European Parliament and Council.

As with all EU officials, the remuneration of the Ombudsman is **subject to Community tax** returned directly to the EU budget. This tax is calculated by income tranche. Taxation of these tranches is **at a rate of 8% to 45%**, and on the basis of the composition of the Ombudsman's household.

Additionally, a **'solidarity levy' of 7%** is in application since 2014 and will continue until 2023.

Below is a breakdown of the **gross monthly remuneration** of the Ombudsman as from July 2016:

- Basic salary: 22,036.49 euros;
- Representation allowance: 627.76 euros;
- Housing allowance: 3,305.47 euros;

In addition, the following allowances are due in line with the Staff Regulations:

- Household allowance: 622.55 euros;
- Dependent child allowance: 397.29 euros per child – any allowance of the same nature received from other sources (for example, national allowance) is deducted from this allowance;
- Education allowance per child in full time education:
  - reimbursement of expenses of a maximum of 269.56 euros upon presentation of proof of payment of enrolment fees for the education of children pursuing non-university studies;
  - lump sum payment of 269.56 or 539.12 euros for children attending university (depending on location of university).
- Cost-of-living weighting for France (+13.8%) applied to the amounts above.