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Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 19 November 2018, No. MINBUZA-2018.1975-18, amending the order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 8 March 2018, No. MINBUZA-2018.385214, establishing a grant ceiling and policy rules for the awarding of grants under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (Amendment of the Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022 and establishment of grant ceilings for the first quarter of 2019).

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,

In light of Articles 6, 7 and 10 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree; and

In light of Articles 6.4 and 6.5 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006;

Hereby decrees:

ARTICLE I

The Annex to the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 8 March 2018, establishing a grant ceiling and policy rules for the awarding of grants under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022)¹ shall be amended as follows:

A

Section 1, paragraph **1.6. Country list**, shall be amended as follows:

1. After the listing of the country categories A, B and C at the end of the first paragraph, the following sentences shall be added:

¹ Government Gazette 2018, No. 14630; amended by Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 14 August 2018, No. MINBUZA 2018.1527-16, amending the order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 8 March 2018, No. MINBUZA-2018.385214, establishing a grant ceiling and policy rules for the awarding of grants under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (Amendment of the Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022), Government Gazette 2018, No. 47084.

The countries in category A shall have the greatest priority, followed by the countries in category B and lastly the countries in category C. For calls for grant applications for the provision of scholarships, tailor-made training and refresher courses, notice shall be given on www.nuffic.nl for each call of the intended percentage distribution across the country categories of the funds available for the call concerned, in connection with a balanced spread of the available funds as referred to in Article 8(3)(d) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree.

2. In the subparagraph *Country Plans of Implementation (CPIs) and annual plans*, 'Multi-Annual Strategic Plan (MASP)' shall be replaced in each instance by 'Multi-Annual Country Strategy (MACS)', and 'Multi-Annual Strategic Plans (MASP)' by 'Multi-Annual Country Strategies'. Furthermore, the third paragraph shall be replaced by 'For countries in categories B and C, the themes relevant to local priority development that shall be incorporated by Nuffic in the 'Country Focus' Document shall be determined by the embassy.'

B

Section 2. Individual scholarships, paragraph **From application to approval**, shall be amended as follows:

1. In the subparagraph *With regard to the application/applicant*, second bullet point, the second sentence shall be replaced by 'The scholarship application shall be in line with the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) for the country concerned or, if there is none, with the priorities of the embassy in the country concerned as stated in the Country Focus Document'.

2. In the subparagraph *Selection and grant approval*, the first three sentences shall be replaced by 'Nuffic shall make the decisions on the grant applications. Applications that do not meet the criteria set in this section for the scholarship applicant and the application/applicant shall be rejected. The decisions on the remaining applications and therefore the selection of the scholarship applicants for each call shall derive from the ranking of the scholarship applicants by the embassies. The scholarship applicants with the highest scores within a grant application shall be given first priority for a scholarship, bearing in mind the need for a balanced distribution across target groups, country categories and/or countries and themes.'

C

Section 3. Customised group training courses shall be amended as follows:

1. In the paragraph **Range of programmes**, the sentence 'The available funds shall be allocated by means of a grant tendering process based on the criteria set out in this section' shall be replaced by 'The available funds shall be allocated by means of a grant tendering process based on the criteria set out in this section, bearing in mind with respect to the provision of grants for giving tailor-made training and refresher courses the need for a balanced distribution across target groups, country categories and/or countries and themes.'

2. In the paragraph **From application to approval**, subparagraph *Minimum criteria*, fourth criterion, the second sentence shall be replaced by 'The group training shall be in line with the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) for the country concerned or, if there is none, with the priorities of the embassy in the country concerned as stated in the Country Focus Document'.

3. In the paragraph **From application to approval**, subparagraph *Evaluation criteria*, the fourth criterion shall read:

- The extent to which the group training is in line with the CPI for the country concerned or, if there is none, with the priorities of the embassy in the country concerned as stated in the Country Focus Document'.

D

In **Section 4. Institutional collaboration projects**, paragraph **From application to approval**, subparagraph **Grant application – Minimum criteria**, a criterion shall be added, reading:

- The grant application shall be in line with the CPI for the country concerned.

ARTICLE II

1. A grant ceiling of €44,005,000 shall apply for the awarding of grants in connection with the OKP 2018–2022 for the period from 1 January 2019 until 31 March 2019 for the provision of grants for activities aimed at providing scholarships, providing training courses and organising institutional collaboration projects. This amount shall be distributed among the various types of grants as follows:

- a. Grants for activities aimed at providing scholarships for the following types of programmes:
 - 1) Short Courses: €3,828,000, of which €478,000 shall be available for activities aimed at the provision of Short Courses to candidates living and working in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Palestinian Territories, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria or Niger, to the extent there are sufficient relevant applications that meet the standards set out in the Annex to this order.
 - 2) Master's programmes: €15,077,000, of which €1,577,000 shall be available for activities aimed at the provision of Master's programmes to candidates living and working in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Palestinian Territories, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria or Niger, to the extent there are sufficient relevant applications that meet the standards set out in the Annex to this order.

In this connection, if any funds are left unspent from the funds that are available for the provision of grants aimed at providing scholarships for one of the two types of programmes referred to in 1) and 2), those funds shall be made available for the provision of grants aimed at providing scholarships for the other type of programme.

- b. Grants for activities aimed at providing the following types of training courses:
 - 1) Refresher courses: €0
 - 2) Tailor-made training courses: €3,000,000
- c. Grants for activities aimed at providing tailor-made Plus training courses: €1,125,000, which amount is allocated to four calls as follows:
 - 1) One call of €400,000
 - 2) One call of €300,000
 - 3) One call of €225,000
 - 4) One call of €200,000

In this connection, if any funds are left unspent from the funds that are available for one of these calls, those funds shall be made available for applications submitted in response to the next call within the period from 1 January 2019 until 31 March 2019.

- d. Grants for activities aimed at organising institutional collaboration projects: €26,500,000, which amount is allocated to 20 calls as follows:
 - 1) One call of €700,000
 - 2) One call of €800,000
 - 3) One call of €900,000
 - 4) Five calls of €1,000,000
 - 5) One call of €1,100,000
 - 6) Two calls of €1,200,000
 - 7) One call of €1,300,000
 - 8) Five calls of €1,500,000
 - 9) One call of €2,100,000
 - 10) One call of €2,300,000
 - 11) One call of €2,400,000

In this connection, if any funds are left unspent from the funds that are available for one of these calls, those funds shall be made available for applications submitted in response to the next call within the period from 1 January 2019 until 31 March 2019.

2. For the awarding of grants under the OKP 2018–2022, the following amount shall apply for the period from 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2019 for the provision of grants for alumni activities: €50,000

ARTICLE III

Additional policy rules shall be announced on www.nuffic.nl for the calls referred to in Article II(1)(c, d).

ARTICLE IV

This order shall take effect on the day after the publication date of the Government Gazette in which notification of this order is made.

Notification of this order shall be published in the Government Gazette.

*The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,
on whose behalf,
the Director-General for International Cooperation,
R.M. Buijs*