

The Hague, 21 September 2017

Subject: Knowledge development programme

Dear partner,

Further to our earlier message (dated 30 August 2017), this letter contains more information about the new Knowledge Development Programme (KOP).

In addition, please mark the KOP Partner Day on 2 November in your diary.

We have recently held exploratory talks with various interested parties. This has given us the opportunity to further elaborate the new programme and the timetable.

Inception phase

The inception phase started on 01 August, when the new programme was officially signed, and will continue until the start of 2018. We will be using this period to translate the basic principles and objectives of the KOP into a practicable and effective programme. We will tackle a number of important tasks in this phase. These include:

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	What	When (complete)	How
1	The establishment of the KOP Advisory Council, which will advise Nuffic on the further development of the programme in terms of strategy, content and implementation.	01/01/2018	Nuffic – following consultation with Dutch and international stakeholders and with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – will constitute the Advisory Council.
2	The establishment of the KOP sounding board group, which will tender advice and present questions, bottlenecks and points for improvement for the KOP with regard to regulations,	01/01/2018	Nuffic – following consultation with the Dutch implementing parties (research universities, universities of applied sciences, senior secondary vocational education and training) and with the

	processes and procedures, from the perspective of the implementing organisations.		Ministry of Foreign Affairs – will set up the sounding board group.
3	The organisation of the KOP Partner Day.	02/11/2017	The Partner Day will focus on Dutch partners. Its aim is to provide you with further information about the objectives and policy principles behind the KOP and to involve you in the development of the programme.
4	Further development of the integral KOP alumni policy and corresponding instruments.	01/02/2018	Nuffic further shapes the alumni policy and prepares a detailed plan for the use of alumni in achieving the KOP's objectives. The initial draft of the new set of instruments will have been designed by the start of 2018.
5	Further development of the KOP communications and information policy.	01/02/2018	Nuffic will develop the communications and information policy for KOP, including the approach and instruments for the various target groups. The policy will be completed at the start of 2018.
6	Realisation of global scans and country scans to achieve an improved demand-oriented and context-specific approach. Nuffic will conduct the country scans in collaboration with various parties, including policy theme departments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Dutch diplomatic mission network, knowledge institutes, the business community (through the Netherlands Enterprise Agency and other channels) and other relevant stakeholders.	01/09/2017 to 01/03/2018 inclusive	Nuffic will analyse activities and initiatives in the 52 KOP countries and organise visits to a number of countries as well as discussions with Dutch stakeholders and Southern region partners. The final report will be delivered at the start of 2018.

Consultations

In the coming months we would like to continue our dialogue with you on the realisation of these tasks. This will help us to further delineate the programme and improve its implementation. We have already held discussions with a number of you. In addition, we will be contacting other interested parties such as the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. In this way we will refine the approach to the KOP as work progresses.

Please find a brief summary of the programme annexed to this letter. We look forward to further elaborating the programme with you. In the coming weeks and months we will be contacting you to invite you to contribute your thoughts on the aforementioned points.

Kind regards,

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