

Translation 'Staatscourant' extra funding amendment August 2018

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 (Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022)

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,

In light of articles [6, 7 and 10 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree](#);

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

Hereby decrees:

ARTICLE I

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 ([Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022](#)) will be amended as follows:

A

Article 1 will be amended as follows:

1. In the first paragraph, '€53,750,000' will be replaced by '€55,570,000'.
2. In the second paragraph, '€3,900,000' will be replaced by '€5,720,000, of which €1,820,000 will 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'.

B

The annex to the order will be amended as follows:

1. In paragraph **1.3 Available funds**, '€185,381,751' will be replaced by '€194,661,751'.
2. In **Chapter 2 Individual scholarships** at the end of the paragraph *Assessment and evaluation of the scholarship* (selection), the following sentence will be added: 'To be eligible for a subsidy for a grant, the candidate to whom the grant application relates must meet the assessment criteria set out above to a sufficient degree. No subsidy for a grant will be provided to a candidate who fails to achieve the minimum assessment score.'
3. In **Chapter 5 Alumni activities**, the sentence 'If necessary, the embassy concerned will be asked for advice about the applications received.' will be scrapped.

C

The country list in the annex in the enclosure will be replaced by the following country list:

Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP) Country List

# Category A	Category B	Category C
Bangladesh	Afghanistan	Albania
Benin	Burkina Faso	Armenia
Burundi	DR Congo	Bhutan
Colombia	Guinea	Bolivia
Egypt	Guatemala	Cambodia
Ethiopia	Yemen	Cuba
Ghana	Jordan	Philippines
Indonesia	Lebanon	Georgia
Kenya	Liberia	India
Mali	Nigeria	Macedonia
Mozambique	Senegal	Nepal
Myanmar	Sierra Leone	Niger
Uganda	Sudan	Nicaragua
Palestinian Territories	Somalia	Pakistan
Rwanda	South Sudan	Peru
Tanzania	Zambia	Sri Lanka
Vietnam		Suriname
South Africa		Thailand
		Zimbabwe

ARTICLE II

This order will 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 will be published in the Government Gazette.

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, on his behalf, the Director-General for International Cooperation, R.M. Bujs

EXPLANATION

The coalition agreement reached by the Rutte III government provides for additional grants to be made available to the new focus countries from the ODA funds of the budget the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. The additional grants are to be provided via two existing subsidy instruments of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation which already provide subsidies for the provision of grants, namely the MENA Scholarship Programme 2017–2019 (MSP 2017–2019) and [the Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022 \(OKP 2018–2022\)](#).

For subsidies for the provision of grants under the OKP 2018–2022, a total of an additional €9,280,000 will be made available in the period 2018–2022, which amount will be divided between a range of calls for applications during the term of the subsidy instrument. For 2018, an additional €1,820,000 will be made available for the third call of the Short Courses component of the grant programme. This order therefore seeks to raise the grant ceiling of the OKP 2018–2022 for 2018 and the sub-grant ceiling for the third call for the provision of subsidy for grants, Short Courses component, [by this amount](#). The other additional funds will be included in the yet to be determined subsidy ceiling for subsidies for activities aimed at the provision of grants for the period 2019–2022.

The additional funds now becoming available are intended for subsidies for the provision of grants for Short Courses to candidates living and working in the focus countries Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Palestinian Territories, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria or Niger, if and to the extent that sufficient applications are submitted that meet the standards for OKP 2018–2022 as set out in the policy rules. Niger was not on the OKP 2018–2022 list and has therefore been added to [category C of the country list](#).

If the additional funds are not exhausted because too few eligible applications are submitted for a subsidy, the remaining funds will be added to the subsidy ceiling, as yet to be established and announced, for subsidies for activities aimed at the provision of grants for the period 2019–2022.

The funds previously made available by the OKP 2018–2022 order remain available for applications for the provision of grants to candidates in the focus countries referred to.

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