

Policy rules change: Palestinian Territories to second application round

This document contains an explanation of the decision to include applications for the Palestinian Territories in the second application round. This decision was published in the Government Gazette notice of 24 November 2023.

The Orange Corners Innovation Fund subsidy programme (hereafter: subsidy programme) has three application rounds. Each application round is aimed at specific target locations. In the subsidy programme, the Palestinian Territories are part of the target locations in the first application round. Also, the subsidy programme states that activities need to start within 4 months after the subsidy is granted (paragraph 4.6 of the Administrative Rules of the subsidy programme).

In consultation with potential implementing organisations of the subsidy programme in the Palestinian Territories, it has been decided to include the Palestinian Territories in the second application round. This gives participants more time to develop their proposals. Also, this decision avoids the undesirable situation in which activities are forced to start in a highly uncertain context because of the obligation to start activities within four months after the subsidy is granted.