

Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development of 31 October 2024, BZ2406742, amending the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 24 May 2023, Min-BuZa.2023.15459-14, establishing a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Amendment of grant ceiling for the second funding round of the Grant Programme for Impact Clusters 2023-2028)

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development,

Having regard to article 6 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree;

Having regard to articles 5.1 and 7.2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006;

Orders:

ARTICLE I

The Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 24 May 2023, Min-BuZa.2023.15459-14, laying down administrative rules and establishing a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Grant Programme for Impact Clusters 2023-2028)¹ is amended as follows:

1. Article 3, paragraph 2 is to read as follows:

2. With regard to applications as referred to in article 2, paragraph 2, a ceiling of €2.51 million for regular impact cluster projects and €4.26 million for impact cluster projects that are part of a combination track applies to grants awarded under the Grant Programme for Impact Clusters 2023-2028 from 1 January 2024 up to and including 31 December 2028.

2. In section 1 (Background) of the Annexe, the link in the third footnote is to be replaced by: <https://www.rvo.nl/onderwerpen/overzicht-combitracks>.

ARTICLE II

This Order enters into force from the day after the date of publication of the Government Gazette in which it appears.

This Order and the explanatory notes will be published in the Government Gazette.

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For the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development

¹ Government Gazette 2023, no. 15513; amended by Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 28 November 2023, Min-BuZa.2023.20170-11, amending the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 24 May 2023, Min-BuZa.2023.15459-14, laying down administrative rules and establishing a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Amendment of grant ceiling for 2023 and first funding round in 2024 of the Grant Programme for Impact Clusters 2023-2028), Government Gazette 2023, no. 33374.

Explanatory notes

In support of impact clusters, the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development has decided to make additional funds available to the Grant Programme for Impact Clusters 2023-2028 for the remainder of 2024.¹

Interest in the grant programme has exceeded what was anticipated at the time of its first publication. To be able to award grants to additional worthwhile projects, including projects that are necessary for the further development of a number of 'combination tracks', the grant ceiling is being raised by €2.26 million to a total of €4.26 million for impact cluster projects that are part of a combination track and by €0.51 million to a total of €2.51 million for regular impact cluster projects.

These funds will be used to award grants for applications that focus on this category of projects and have already been submitted, and which are eligible under the grant programme. The Order does not aim to open a new funding round.

Applications submitted prior to the date on which this Order enters into force and on which no decision has yet been taken are considered applications for grants under the grant ceiling for 2024 as amended by this Order.

If any part of the funding available under the increased grant ceiling remains after the assessment of the applications submitted in the second funding round, it will be added to the grant ceiling for a possible subsequent funding round.

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