



OCIF grant programme - Unofficial translation fourth round and amendment  
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**Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 13 April 2026, no. BZ26-26726.02, amending the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 September 2023, no. MinBuza.2023-11814-20, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (fourth round and amendment of the administrative rules for the Orange Corners Innovation Fund Grant Programme 2024-2030).**

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation;

Having regard to articles 6 and 7 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 7 September 2023, no. MinBuZa.2023-18814-20, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Orange Corners Innovation Fund Grant Programme 2024-2030)<sup>1</sup> is amended as follows:

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In Article 2, a paragraph is inserted, with the fifth paragraph being renumbered as the sixth paragraph, to read as follows:

5. Applications for grants in the fourth round of the Orange Corners Innovation Fund Grant Programme 2024-2030 must focus on the target location Benin and must be submitted between 4 May 2026 and 23:59 on 4 June 2026 Netherlands time (CEST).

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In Article 3, first paragraph, '€ 46,200,000' is replaced by '€ 47,749,000' and 'Benin' is inserted after 'Bangladesh'.

In Article 3, second paragraph, 'the first round' is replaced by 'a round' and 'the second round' is replaced by 'subsequent rounds'.

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The Annexe is amended as follows:

1. In paragraph 4.2 (Target group), the second sentence of the first paragraph is amended to read as follows:

And in the new target locations Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Jordan, Mali, the Palestinian Territories, Tunisia, South Africa and South Sudan.

2. Paragraph 4.6. (Duration of activities) is replaced to read as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Stcrt. 2023, no. 18814-20



#### **4.6. Duration of activities**

The activities for which a grant is requested must have a duration of at least 6 years and must be completed no later than 31 December 2033. The activities must start within 4 months after the grant has been awarded and should run as much as possible in parallel with the implementation of the Orange Corners Incubation and Acceleration Component (OCIAC) in the target location.

#### **Article II**

This Order enters into force on the day after the date of publication of the Government Gazette in which it appears, with the proviso that the Annexe to the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 September 2023, no. MinBuza.2023-18814-20, laying down administrative rules and a grant ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Orange Corners Innovation Fund Grant Programme 2024–2030), as it read prior to the entry into force of this Order, continues to apply to applications submitted and grants awarded prior to that date.

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

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,  
on behalf of the Minister,

the Deputy Director-General for International Cooperation,

S. Collet

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Order opens the fourth round of applications for grants under the Orange Corners Innovation Fund Grant Programme 2024–2030.

As an amount of € 650,000 remained available from previous rounds, the grant ceiling is increased by € 1,549,000. The total grant ceiling is therefore set at € 47,749,000.

The grant funds available for applications submitted in the fourth round are intended for projects in the target location Benin. For this, an application for a grant may be submitted for 95% of the total project costs, up to a maximum of € 2,200,000 (see Article 3, first paragraph). The activities for which a grant is requested must have a duration of at least 6 years and must be completed no later than 31 December 2033. The activities must start within 4 months after the grant has been awarded and should run as much as possible in parallel with the implementation of the Orange Corners Incubation and Acceleration Component (OCIAC) in the target location.

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,  
on behalf of the Minister,

the Deputy Director-General for International Cooperation,

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