

## **Grant Agreement between the Government of Belgium and the OECD**

### **Belgian Voluntary Contribution to the OECD Development Communication Network (DevCom) of the OECD Development Centre for 2025 and 2026.**

The Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DGD) (the “Ministry”) will make available a voluntary contribution of EUR 25,000 (twenty five thousand EUR) to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (the “OECD” or the “Organisation”) (individually the “Party” or collectively the “Parties”) for its participation in the OECD DevCom Network in 2025 and 2026.

The contribution will be paid in two installments, in line with the following invoicing schedule:

- EUR 12,500 on 1 September 2024
- EUR 12,500 on 1 September 2025

Payments will be made upon receipt of the corresponding invoice from the OECD.

The OECD will issue the invoice(s) in accordance with its standard invoicing procedures and submit the invoice(s) to the Ministry in the form of PDF file(s) sent via email. Upon request, paper copy invoice(s) will be sent to the Ministry. The OECD shall not be required to use any electronic system for submitting invoice(s) under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, by providing direct input through a platform operated by or on behalf of the Ministry.

The voluntary contribution will be administrated according to the Financial Regulations of the OECD and other OECD applicable rules, procedures and policies, which provide for an administrative cost recovery charge already included in the total contribution amount. The expenditures will be recorded in the accounts of the OECD and may be subject to audit in accordance with the OECD’s standard audit procedures.

In the interests of efficiency and harmonisation, substantive reports will take the form of an annual report concerning the implementation of the work financed by voluntary contributions within the overall resources allocated to the Development Communication Network, and which is submitted to this OECD body in accordance with the OECD’s internal regulations.

The Ministry accepts that financial reporting requirements are met with the annual statement of income and expenditure for the 2025-26 OECD Development Centre Governing Board Progress Report (GBPR).

The results of the work, in whatever form, shall be the sole property of the Organisation.

Mutually approved amendments can be made to this Grant Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the OECD and the Ministry specifying the amount and purpose of the incremental voluntary contribution(s).

Uncommitted funds at the end of the year 2026 will be available to secure the implementation of DevCom in future years.

The OECD will inform the Ministry of any significant changes to the Development Communication Network.

Any disagreement arising out of or relating to the interpretation of, compliance with or execution of this Agreement shall be resolved by the Parties by mutual agreement.

All correspondence to the Ministry shall be sent to:

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Ambassador – Permanent Representative of Belgium to the OECD  
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Signed by:

**For the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Directorate General for Development Cooperation:**



Caroline Gennez  
Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities Policy

Date: 7.5.2024

**For the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development:**

OECD Signatory 1

Mrs Ragnheidur ARNADOTTIR  
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OECD Development Centre

Date:

OECD Signatory 2

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