

External consultations on Matra subsidy policy framework 'Government-to-Government' 2025-2029

The current Matra 'Government-to-Government' subsidy policy framework (2020-2024) will expire at the end of 2024. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency are working together on the subsidy policy framework for the period 2025-2029. In that context, we would like to receive input from organizations that wish to qualify for a Matra 'Government-to-Government' subsidy.

You can respond to the questions below until January 31, 2024 by emailing your response to matra@minbuza.nl.

Focus countries

The Matra 'Government-to-Government' program (hereinafter: Matra program) covers a large number of countries. Yet the challenges and priorities may be greater in some countries than in others. Are there countries or groups of countries for which you believe that at least one Government-to-Government project should be eligible for a subsidy? Please provide an explanation.

Regional projects

In certain cases, challenges in the area of rule of law and democracy in target countries of the Matra program are similar. Do you therefore (or for other reasons) see added value in encouraging regional projects (e.g. projects that undertake similar activities in different (neighboring) countries)? Please provide an explanation.

Thematic focus

The Matra program focuses on strengthening the rule of law and democracy in the Matra target countries. For all Matra target countries, the current subsidy policy framework identifies the same qualifying themes to which applications must relate, such as combating corruption or the functioning of the judiciary. Do you see added value in highlighting specific themes per country that should be given priority when selecting and/or assessing project applications for subsidies? Please provide an explanation.

Quality criteria

What do you think are useful criteria for assessing the quality of Matra projects, compared to the criteria used in the current subsidy policy framework? Please provide an explanation.

Eligible costs

The following cost items could be eligible for a subsidy under the Matra program:

- Hourly wages of experts, trainers and other employees of the subsidy recipient to be deployed in the Netherlands and abroad;
 - Travel costs: international travel costs and long-distance travel costs outside the Netherlands based on economy class tickets;
 - Accommodation costs: the maximum reimbursement for accommodation costs is the number of nights multiplied by the accommodation and other costs in accordance with the Rate Lists for accommodation costs for foreign business trips, applicable on the start date of the activities;
- or:

Accommodation costs: the maximum reimbursement for subsistence costs is the number of nights multiplied by the accommodation and other costs in accordance with the United Nations Daily Subsistence Allowance Rates, applicable at the time of submission. Additional travel and accommodation costs may also be eligible due to the risks, insurance and negative travel advice, provided that they are properly substantiated in the application;

- Other costs, such as third party costs (possibly capped), local travel costs, interpretation and translation costs, communication costs, visa costs, costs of study visits, workshops and training, insurance.

Are you missing one or more cost items in this list that you believe should be eligible for a subsidy?
Please provide an explanation.