

# PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY

The EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism are guided by the principles of openness and transparency at all levels. Accordingly, the Financial Mechanism Office (FMO) provides access to key aspects of the Financial Mechanisms and makes available documents in the following categories at [www.eeagrants.org](http://www.eeagrants.org) / [www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org):

- 1) The *Agreements* with the European Union establishing the Financial Mechanisms
- 2) The *Regulations* on the implementation of the mechanisms
- 3) The *Memoranda of Understanding* with the beneficiary states
- 4) *Programme agreements* between the Financial Mechanism Committee (FMC) or the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) and the National Focal Points regulating the implementation of particular programmes
- 5) *Guidelines* providing more detailed descriptions of various aspects of the implementation of the Financial Mechanisms
- 6) *Agendas* and *Conclusions* of the meetings of the Financial Mechanism Committee (FMC), comprised of representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
- 7) *Open calls* for proposals in the beneficiary states that announce the availability of funds to potential applicants
- 8) *Summary information*, including headline financial data, on activities receiving support from the Financial Mechanisms
- 9) *Annual reports* on the Financial Mechanisms from the Donor States and the Beneficiary States
- 10) *Evaluations* and *reviews* of the financial mechanisms

Documents not listed above may be available upon request from the FMO. All requests for public access to documents related to the Financial Mechanisms should be sent to the following email address: [fmo-access@efta.int](mailto:fmo-access@efta.int). Requests for access to documents are assessed in accordance with the EFTA States' Standing Committee decision no 3/2007/SC.

The principle is that the widest possible access to all documents held by the FMO shall be granted. However, access may not be granted in the cases foreseen in the EFTA States' Standing Committee decision no 3/2007/SC. Where an exception is justified, it will be assessed whether access to parts of a document may be granted. In the event of a total or partial refusal, the applicant may refer the request to the FMC or the NMFA.

...oOo...

Public Access Policy update adopted by the Financial Mechanism Committee on 18 October 2017