

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA  
FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

16 March 2011

Conclusions  
Financial Mechanism Committee  
64 Meeting - 10 February 2011

**1 Meeting agenda**

The meeting agenda was adopted.

**2 Draft Summary Records and Draft Conclusions of the previous Committee meeting**

*2.1 Draft summary records of the previous Committee meeting*

The draft summary records of the previous meeting were adopted.

*2.2 Draft conclusions of the previous Committee meeting*

The draft conclusions of the previous meeting were adopted.

**3 Status of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism in the Beneficiary States**

*3.1 Status of implementation*

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of implementation.

*3.2 Status of disbursement*

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of disbursements.

*3.3 Handling of projects at risk for non-completion*

The Committee discussed how to handle the projects with a risk for non-completion by April 2011. FMO presented a memo for discussion suggesting a split in categories for the various possible project situations when the last date of eligibility cannot be reached. The overall objective of the policy is to ensure a proper completion of all projects funded by the FMs 2004-09.

The Committee adopted the memo.

**4 Guidelines and policy issues**

*4.1 Public register*

For the 2009-14 FM, the FMO presented its recommendation to establish an online Public register as part of the new Information and Reporting System. The Committee discussed the recommendation. The Committee adopted the Public Register document with the following amendment: Donor Partnership Agreements should

be listed with documents with limited access.

The Committee asked for documents to be equally accessible under either Financial Mechanism, preferably through a web site. Coherence with EFTA rules was underlined. The Committee then agreed that the Public Access Policy applies for both Financial Mechanisms (2004-09 and 2009-14).

#### 4.2 *Public access policy*

The item was covered under item 4.1.

### **5 Administrative issues**

#### 5.1 *Semi-Annual Activity plan spring 2011*

The FMO presented the semi-annual activity plan for spring 2011. The Committee took note of the plan.

The FMO also presented the evaluation plans in more detail. The Committee took note of the information.

### **6 Other issues**

No other issues were discussed.

### **7 Next meeting**

The next Committee meeting is planned for 10 March 2011 in Brussels.

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