

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

19 May 2010

Conclusions
Financial Mechanism Committee
56th Meeting - 10 March 2010

1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following changes: Date in the headline should read 10 March 2010. Item 5.1 Actual figures 2009 Running expenses should be noted for adoption.

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 with the following amendment: List of meeting participants to be included.

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 in the Beneficiary states.

3.2 Annual meeting Estonia 17-18 March 2010

The Committee took note of the confirmed dates. There will be site visits to three projects.

3.3 Annual meeting Greece 18-19 March 2010

The Committee took note of the confirmed dates. The FMO will prepare a log of actions undertaken by the Donors and the FMO to be included in the annotated agenda to the Annual Meeting.

3.4 Status of disbursements

The FMO briefed the Committee on the disbursements so far in 2010.

3.5 Prolongation of Technical Assistance Funds

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of the final date of eligibility in respect of the TA funds.

3.6 Review of the Scholarship Funds

The Committee was given a short presentation of the results from the review of the Scholarship Funds.

4 Guidelines and policy issues

4.1 Public Access Policy and Procedures

The Committee was briefed on the requirements to keep a public register of documents related to the EEA Agreement.

5 Administrative issues

5.1 Actual figures 2009 Running expenses

The overall figures are within budget. The Committee adopted the Summary of actual expenses.

5.2 Semi-annual activity plan spring 2010

The Committee took note of the document.

6 Other issues

The FMO informed the Committee of a visit on 11 March 2010 by senior staff of the Norwegian Barents Secretariat in respect of cross-border issues.

7 Next meeting and meeting planning for spring 2010

The next regular Committee meeting was scheduled for 27 April 2010. Tentative dates for Annual Meetings and events for the first half of 2010 were discussed.

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