

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

27 April 2011

Conclusions
Financial Mechanism Committee
65 Meeting - 10 March 2011

1 Meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted with a text adjustment to item 2.1 and 2.2, and item 3.5 was presented for adoption.

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

2.1

The draft summary records of the previous meeting were adopted with one amendment to the records: 4.1 and 4.2 Public Register and Public Access Policy, end of second paragraph: The Committee adopted the Public register with the following amendment: Donor Partnership Agreements should be listed with documents with limited access.

2.2

The draft conclusions of the previous meeting were adopted with the amendment as noted in 2.1.

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

3.1 Status of implementation

The Committee decided to handle the Status of implementation in the Beneficiary States simultaneously with item 3.3 Actions for projects at risk for non-completion as the two items are linked closely together.

The FMO handed out a document dated 9 March 2011 on the status of projects at risk for non-completion and presented the main issues.

The Committee took note of the information and asked the FMO to submit a final action plan for adoption in the next Committee meeting.

The FMO also presented the general status of implementation in the Beneficiary States. The Committee took note of the information.

3.2 Status of disbursement

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of disbursement.

3.3 Actions for projects at risk for non-completion

The item was referred to 3.1.

3.4 ES0011 Waiver under article 6.2.3. Detailed Eligibility Provisions

The FMO presented its recommendation to waive article 6.2.3 of the Detailed Eligibility Provisions-Expenditures for project ES0011 "Centre for training and support for business initiative and activity of Cordoba".

The Committee agreed to waive the restriction in article 6.2.3 of the Detailed Eligibility Provisions-Expenditures on mortgaging the purchased real estate for project ES0011.

3.5 *Review of Regional Policy and Cross Border Activities priority sector*

The FMO presented an overview of the findings in the commissioned review of the Regional Policy and Cross Border Activities.

The Committee noted the conclusions and follow-up points in the review, and adopted the FMO recommendation to publish the review on the EEA and Norway Grants website.

4 Guidelines and policy issues

4.1 *Public access policy adjusted*

The FMO presented an updated Public Access Policy document. The Committee asked for Programme Agreements to be on the list of directly published documents; otherwise adopted the document.

5 Other issues

The Committee asked the FMO to present an overview of Annual Meetings for the next FMC meeting in April.

6 Next meeting

The next Committee meeting is planned for 12 April 2011 in Brussels.

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