

36th Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting

10 September 2014

Conclusions

Adopted on 22 October 2014

1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The Committee took note of Iceland's letter of 19 August 2014 on Iceland's representation in the Financial Mechanism Committee. Ms Thóra Magnúsdóttir, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is Iceland's member at the Committee and Mr Angantýr Einarsson, Counsellor for Finance and Economic Affairs, Embassy of Iceland, Brussels continues as alternate member.

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting

2.1 Draft Minutes and Conclusions

Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting (26 June 2014) were adopted.

3 Director's assessment

3.1 Progress report

The Director briefed the Committee on the overall state of play including programme progress, country progress, DoRIS implementation and upcoming events.

The Committee took note of the Director's report.

4 Progress report on implementation

4.1 Annual meetings/4.2 Progress reports/4.3 Red and yellow programmes

The Committee discussed in detail the Beneficiary States (Slovenia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic) for which an annual meeting is scheduled to take place before the next Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the status of implementation and the progress of programmes in the Beneficiary States. Additionally, the FMO gave the Committee an overview of the programmes flagged red and yellow in the Beneficiary States.

5 Issues for adoption

5.1 Revised administrative budget 2014

The Committee will revert to the revised administrative budget for 2014 by written procedure.

5.2 Council of Europe budget 2015

The Committee approved the DPP workplan and the budget proposal of EUR 868,775 for 2015 for the Council of Europe.

5.3 Delegation of tasks from the FMC to the FMO

FMO will prepare a new proposal incorporating the Committee's comments and the Committee will revert to the delegation of tasks from the FMC to the FMO at the October meeting.

6 Issues for discussion

6.1 Transparency International

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of the work with the Transparency International.

6.2 Reallocation between programmes

Six beneficiary states have asked for reallocation by the deadline of 1 September 2014. The Committee will take the final decision on the reallocation requests at its next meeting scheduled for 22 October 2014.

6.3 Preparations for the future Financial Mechanism

The Committee took note of the FMO's briefing on the preparations for the beyond 2014 period.

6.4 FMO resource needs 2014 – 2015

The Committee took note of the Director's briefing on FMO resource needs for 2014- 2015.

7 Issues for information

7.1 Administrative budget 2014- actual expenditure 2nd quarter 2014

The Committee took note of the FMO's report on the actual expenditure 2nd quarter 2014.

7.2 Risk Seminar 24 – 25 September

The Committee took note of the FMO's briefing on the preparations for the 2014 Risk Seminar.

7.3 Event's calendar

The Committee took note of the event's calendar.

7.4 Planning wheel

The Committee took note of the planning wheel

8 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 22 October 2014.

List of participants

Iceland

Ms Thóra Magnúsdóttir, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Angantýr Einarsson, Counsellor for Finance and Economic Affairs, Embassy of Iceland, Brussels

Mr Andri Júlíusson, First Secretary, Embassy of Iceland, Brussels

Liechtenstein

Mr Dominik Marxer, Counsellor, Liechtenstein Mission to the EU

Norway

Mr Anders Erdal, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Chairman)

Ms Pia Gjesme Holm, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Signe A. Engli, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Aud Hellstrøm, Minister Counsellor, Norway's Mission to the EU

FMO - Secretary