

**43<sup>rd</sup> Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting**

**10 September 2015**

**Conclusions**

Adopted 22.10.2015

**1 Meeting agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting**

2.1 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Committee meeting of 1 July 2015 were adopted with a correction of one clerical error.

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**3 Director's assessment**

3.1 Progress report

The Director briefed the Committee on the main priorities for the FMO for Financial Mechanisms 2009 – 2014 for autumn 2015 and on the overall state of play. The Committee took note of the Director's report.

**4 Items for decision**

4.1 Annual meeting with Council of Europe, 5 – 6 October 2015

The Committee took note of the FMO's presentation on the preparations for an annual meeting with the Council of Europe. The Committee concluded that it will revert to the decision on the timing of the annual meeting at a later stage.

**5 Issues for discussion**

5.1 Greece

The Committee discussed the current status of implementation in Greece.

## 5.2 Hungary

The Committee discussed the current status of implementation in Hungary.

## 5.3 Status of exceptional project extension requests

The FMO briefed the Committee on the current status of the exceptional extension requests. The deadline for the PLI information to be inserted into DoRIS is 15 September 2015 and the NFPs will have to submit their formal requests by 30 September 2015.

The Committee took note of FMO's briefing on exceptional project extension requests.

## **6 Issues for information**

### 6.1 Administrative budget 2015 - actual expenses as at 30 June 2015

The Committee took note of the FMO's report on actual expenses as at 30 June 2015.

## **7 Beneficiary States**

### 7.1 Annual meetings

The Committee discussed the beneficiary states for which an annual meeting is scheduled to take place in October – early November 2015 (Czech Republic 15 October 2015 and Bulgaria 4 – 5 November 2015).

### 7.2 Critical issues

The FMO informed the Committee of critical issues in the Beneficiary States which were not discussed under agenda item 7.1.

## **8 Other issues**

The Committee discussed the establishment of an EEA Financial Mechanism Interim Committee 2014 – 2021 (FMIC). The formal establishment of the FMIC could take place at the Standing Committee Meeting on 24 September 2015.

## **9 Next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 22 October 2015.

## Annex I

### List of participants

#### **Iceland**

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#### **Norway**

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**FMO** - Secretary

