

33rd Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting

12 March 2014

Conclusions

Adopted on 7 May 2014

1 Meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted with a new agenda point *5 Issues for decision, 5.1 project "LV03 - Participation of civil society and people in policy making processes in the field of gender equality" under the NGO Fund LV03*. Accordingly, the numbering of the agenda points was amended as follows: *6 Issues for discussion, 7 Issues for information and 8 Other issues*.

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous Committee meeting

The draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous Committee meeting were adopted.

3 Director's assessment

3.1 Progress report including: status of programme decisions, commitments, disbursements and forecasts and DORIS implementation

The Director briefed the Committee i.a. on (i) programme decisions and implementation, (ii) commitments and disbursements, (iii) programme progress, (iv) DoRIS implementation and (v) events and communication issues. As at 28 February 2014, the total commitments were EUR 1.5 billion (94% of the total available funds) and approximately EUR 42 million had been disbursed to the programmes. By the end of February, the FMO had received 107 of the 121 programme reports expected in 2014. The overall programme progress appears good.

4 Progress report on implementation

4.1/4.2/4.3/4.4 Annual meetings, Feedback from annual meetings, progress reports and red and yellow programmes

The Committee discussed in detail the Beneficiary States (Malta and Lithuania) for which an annual meeting is scheduled to take place before the next Committee meeting and Cyprus for which an annual meeting had taken place on 25 February 2014.

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 decision

5.1 "Participation of civil society and people in policy making processes in the field of gender equality" - project under the NGO Fund in Latvia (LV03)

Based on the FMO's findings, the legal basis and on the FMO's recommendation, the Committee decided that the grant to the project "Participation of civil society and people in policy making processes in the field of gender equality" should be cancelled. The Committee requested the FMO to draft a letter to the NFP and the PO notifying them in line with Article 12.4 of the Regulation of its intention to cancel the grant allocation to the project and to request reimbursement of all funds disbursed to date to the project.

6 Issues for discussion

6.1 FMC members travel costs

The Committee decided that the travel costs related to important seminars and/or events organised by the FMO and where donor state representation is deemed important could be covered by the FMO administrative budget upon request. The total number of travels covered by the FMO's administrative budget is limited to the yearly number of annual meetings and to one representative per Donor State per meeting.

7 Issues for information

7.1 Events' calendar

The Committee took note of the event's calendar.

7.2 Planning wheel Committee took note of the planning wheel.

8 Other issues

Norway gave guidance to the FMO on reporting from the selection committee meetings and stressed the importance of receiving timely information on project selection.

9 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 7 May 2014.

List of participants

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