

Conclusions  
Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14  
18<sup>th</sup> meeting 14 March 2012

## **1. Meeting agenda**

The meeting agenda was adopted with the following amendments: Agenda items 9.4 and 9.5 were for adoption instead of for information.

## **2. Draft minutes and conclusions of the previous FMC meeting**

The draft minutes and conclusions from the previous FMC meeting were adopted.

### **2.1 Follow-up issues from last meeting**

The follow-up issues from last meeting were discussed and new issues were listed.

## **3 MoU update**

Signing of the Romania MoU is agreed for 21 March 2012. FMO briefed the Committee of the details in the programme for the Romania signing.

Signing of the Portuguese MoU is agreed for 28 March 2012.

The Committee took note of the information.

## **4 Director's report**

### **4.2 Director's assessment of urgent matters and risk issues of special importance**

The Director briefed the Committee of follow-up issues and urgent matters. The Committee took note of the information.

### **4.2 Bilateral issues**

This item was discussed under 7.1 bilateral guidelines.

## **5 Implementation in the Beneficiary States**

### **5.1 Status on implementation**

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of implementation in the Beneficiary States. The Committee took note of the information.

### **5.2 Disbursement forecast 2012**

The FMO presented the disbursement forecast for 2012. The Committee took note of the information.

## **6 Programmes and Fund operators**

### **6.1 Overview of programme appraisals**

This item was discussed under point 5.1.

## **7 Guidelines and policy issues**

### **7.1 Bilateral guidelines**

The FMO presented comments received after the consultation of the bilateral guidelines.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation from FMO for certain adjustments to the guideline and agreed to adopt the guideline by written procedure.

## **8. Administrative issues**

### **8.1 Delegation of tasks to the FMO**

The FMO presented a completed overview of delegation of tasks to the FMO. The Committee adopted the document on delegation of tasks from FMC to the FMO.

### **8.2 FMO Standard Operational Procedures**

The FMO presented the internal working procedures for FMO; recently updated after the latest reorganization.

The Committee took note of the document.

## **9. Communication and events**

### **9.1 Hate speech conference**

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of the Hate speech conference.

The Committee took note of the information.

### **9.2 Risk Management and Good Governance seminar in Sofia**

The FMO informed the Committee about the internal seminar for Focal Points on risk management and good governance that will take place in Sofia 11 September 2012.

The Committee took note of the information.

### **9.3 Gender workshop for Programme Operators**

The FMO informed the Committee about the progress of the gender workshop that will take place in Brussels 23 May.

The Committee took note of the information.

### **9.4 EEA and Norway Grants Communication Plan 2012**

The Committee discussed the Communication plan.

The EEA and Norway Grants Communication Plan for 2012 was adopted.

### **9.5 EEA and Norway Grants Annual Status Report 2011**

The Committee discussed the EEA and Norway Grants Annual Status Report for 2011 and agreed to use the report as a template for the yearly report to the EFTA Standing Committee, providing the report only includes status on the EEA FM.

The Committee adopted the Annual Status Report for 2011 and allowed for publishing on line.

## **10. Other issues**

### **10.1 Draft proposal for a new format of the FMC 2009-14 agenda**

The FMO had suggested a new format for the FMC meeting agenda with the aim of increased visibility of issues for adoption.

The new format for the FMC 2009-14 agenda was adopted.

#### **11. Next meeting**

The next Committee meeting is planned for 3 May 2012.

Participants:

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Mette Jøranli, NMFA

Pascal Schafhauser, Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the EU (Until item 6.1)

Kristjan Andri Stefansson, Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Eythor Benediktsson, Icelandic Mission to the EU

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