

Conclusions
Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14
24th meeting 16 January 2013

1. Meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted.

2. Draft minutes and conclusions of the previous FMC meeting

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

3. Director's assessment

3.1 Overall status and priorities

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of programming and urgent matters.

4. Status of Implementation in the Beneficiary States

4.1 GRD production

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status and progress in the GRD production.

4.2 Country status

The FMO presented the status of implementation report country by country and informed the Committee about urgent matters. The Committee discussed and made remarks to the recently held and upcoming Annual Meetings.

The committee agreed to extend the submission date deadline for the Polish NGO programme proposal by two months until 31 March 2013.

4.3 Extension of programme eligibility period

The Committee discussed the request from the Czech Focal Point concerning a one year prolongation of all programmes, and agreed to revert to the issue in the next Committee meeting.

4.4 Romania – co-financing situation update

The FMO confirmed that the co-financing in Romania seems to be secured, and verification will be done during the appraisal process.

4.5 Commitments and disbursements

The Committee took note of the presented commitments and disbursements.

4.6 Financial forecast 2013

The Committee took note of the presented new financial forecast for 2013-2017.

4.7 Risk assessment

The FMO will prepare an updated Strategy for decision, as well as a comprehensive risk assessment, for the FMC meeting in February 2013.

5 Issues for discussion

5.1 Concept note Roma initiatives – next step

The FMO presented a concept note on Roma initiatives on how to achieve the 10% Roma target in the relevant programmes. The suggestions in the concept note were supported by the Committee.

6 Issues for information

6.1 Status work plans for Bilateral funds at national level

The FMO presented the status for the work plans for bilateral funds at national level.

6.2 Communication and events 2013

The FMO informed the Committee about its current main activity: the new web site that was launched 15 January, and the upcoming events this spring.

6.3 First feedback from the BS consultation of the Regulation amendments

Amendments to the Regulation have been consulted with the BS. The Committee discussed the proposed new deadline for review of call texts. The issue will be concluded in the next Committee meeting.

6.4 Semi-Annual Activity Plan for FMO

The FMO presented the Semi-Annual Activity Plan. The plan describes who does what in FMO.

7 Other issues

There were no other issues discussed.

8 Next meeting

The next Committee meeting is planned for 27 February 2013.

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