

Conclusions  
Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14  
21<sup>st</sup> meeting 19 September 2012

## **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.

### **2.1 Follow-up issues**

- Risk management strategy and the methodology for the risk assessment.

FMO briefed the Committee on the latest updates since the last Committee meeting, and then took note of the document.

- Co-financing overview per country

The FMO presented an overview of co-financing in the Beneficiary States. The Committee took note of the presentation.

- Cyprus
- Romania
- Greece

The follow up issues for these three countries were discussed under country status of implementation in 4.1.2.

## **3 Director's assessment**

### **3.1 Overall status and priorities**

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

## **4 Status of Implementation in the Beneficiary States**

### **4.1 Overall assessment – next steps and necessary action**

#### **4.1.1 Status and process in the GRD production**

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status and process in the GRD production. The Committee took note of the information.

#### **4.1.2 Country and sector status**

The FMO briefed the Committee on urgent matters in the Beneficiary States and presented the status of implementation report country by country. The Committee then discussed and made remarks to the recently held and upcoming Annual Meetings.

#### **4.2 Status on commitments and disbursements per country**

The Committee was informed about the current commitments and disbursements per country. A revised forecast will be presented to the Committee in October 2012.

### **5 Issues for adoption**

#### **5.1 Staff increase**

The Committee agreed to a staff increase for a Council of Europe Coordinator and a Roma expert along with the pre-fill of positions for a reporting officer and an environmental officer, without incurring an increase in the administrative budget.

#### **5.2 Roma inclusion: ToR for study and Sketch for formative research**

The FMO presented the Terms of Reference for a study on Roma Inclusions. The Terms of Reference was approved.

FMO also suggested doing formative research on Roma inclusion. The committee agreed to the general approach to do formative research on Roma Inclusion.

### **6 Issues for discussion**

#### **6.1 EBOA's budget proposal for the Audit of the FMs 2009-14**

FMO had received a proposal from EBOA for the audit of the FMs 2009-14. FMO was asked to follow up.

#### **6.2 Status of current expenses per 31 August 2012**

The FMO informed the Committee on the current expenses incurred from January to August 2012. The Committee took note of the information.

#### **6.3 Plan for web development**

The FMO briefed the Committee on the work on the web development. The Committee took note of the information.

### **7 Issues for information**

#### **7.1 Status work plans for bilateral funds at national level**

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status for the work plans for bilateral funds at national level. The Committee took note of the information.

#### **7.2 Feedback from the Risk Management and good governance seminar 11 September 2012**

FMO summed up the lessons learned from the seminar. The Committee took note of the information.

#### **7.3 Romania – information from meeting with Focal Point in Sofia**

The item was covered in the status of implementation earlier in the meeting, item 4.1.2.

#### **7.4 Events in 2013 and 2014**

A revised overview of events for 2013 and 2014 was presented. A few minor comments were made on the content. With the comments made, the Committee took note of the information.

### **7.5 Semi-Annual activity plan autumn 2012**

FMO presented a semi-annual activity plan for FMO this autumn. The Committee took note of the plan.

### **7.6 Status Hate speech conference 27-28 November 2012**

The FMO informed about the details of the programme and the progress in planning of the conference which is a joint project between the Grants and Coe. The Committee took note of the information.

### **8 Other issues**

There were no other issues discussed.

### **9. Next meeting**

The next Committee meeting is planned for 24 October 2012.

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Steinar Hagen, NMFA

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