

32nd Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting

22nd January 2014

Conclusions

Adopted on 12 March 2014

1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following changes: (i) Agenda item 4.1.1 Annual meetings, Malta will be postponed until the March meeting and (ii) as for Agenda item 4.3 Progress reports the Donors will comment also other countries than the ones listed on the agenda.

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous Committee meeting

2.1 Draft Minutes and Conclusions

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

3 Director's assessment

3.1 Progress report including: status of programme decisions, commitments, disbursements and forecasts, DoRIS implementation and FMO's activity plan 2014

The Director briefed the Committee i.a. on (i) the FMO's activity plan 2014; (ii) status of programme decisions and implementation; (iii) commitments, disbursements and forecast; and (iv) DoRIS implementation. The FMO's main focus in 2014 will be the implementation of the Financial Mechanisms (FMs) 2009 – 2014, including financial and result based reporting

As at 14 January 2014, 148 programmes had been sent to the Donors. 143 had been approved and three rejected/withdrawn. The total commitments were EUR 1.5 billion. Approximately EUR 190 million was disbursed to the programmes in 2013. The disbursement forecast for 2014 is EUR 463.4 million.

The overall programme progress appears good.

4 Progress report on implementation

4.1 Annual meetings

The Committee discussed in detail Cyprus for which an annual is scheduled for 25 February 2014.

4.2/4.3/4.4 Feedback from Annual meetings; Progress reports and Red and Yellow programmes

The Committee discussed in detail Portugal for which an annual meeting had taken place on 11 December 2013.

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 adoption

5.1 Administrative budget 2014

The Committee adopted administrative budget for the FMO for 2014.

5.2 Evaluation plan 2014

Committee adopted the Evaluation plan consisting of seven evaluations for 2014.

5.3 Monitoring plan first half of 2014

The Committee adopted the monitoring plan for the first half of 2014. The monitoring plan for the first half of 2014 comprises monitoring of eight programmes.

5.4 Communication plan 2014

The Committee adopted the communication plan for 2014.

5.5 Co-operation with European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

The Committee approved (i) the Letter of Intent between the FMO and FRA and (ii) endorsed the planned cooperation activities in 2014.

6 Issues for discussion

6.1 Evaluation plan FMs 2009 – 2014

The Committee took note of the long term evaluation plan 2009 – 2014. The Committee will come back on the specific evaluations in connection with the annual evaluation plans.

6.2 Risk mitigation

The Committee took note of the FMO's memo on risk mitigation.

6.3 Annual Report 2013: outline and timeline

The Committee agreed with the suggested approach and the work plan for the annual report 2013.

6.4 Co-operation with Council of Europe (CoE)

The Committee will revert to the CoE co-operation at a later stage.

7 Issues for information

7.1 Events' calendar

The Committee took note of the events calendar.

7.2 Planning wheel

The Committee took note of the planning wheel and the indicative dates for meetings, events and milestones.

8 Other issues

There were no other issues.

9 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 12 March 2013.

List of participants

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