

37th Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting

22 October 2014

Conclusions

Adopted on 4 December 2014

1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following change: Agenda item 5.1 Reallocation between programmes would be dealt with immediately after the agenda item 3 Director's assessment.

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions

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The draft minutes from the previous meeting were adopted with an amendment.

The draft conclusions from the previous meeting were adopted.

The Committee took note of the approval of the 2014 revised administrative budget by written procedure on 1 October 2014.

The Committee took note of the Norway's letter of 17 October 2014 on Norway's representation in the Financial Mechanism Committee. Ms Lise Kleven Grevstad Director, Section for Central Europe and the EEA Financial Mechanism, NMFA replaces Mr Steinar Hagen as Norway's alternate member in the Financial Mechanism Committee

3 Director's assessment

3.1 Progress report

The Director briefed the Committee on the overall state of play including programme progress, country progress, DoRIS implementation and upcoming events.

The Committee took note of the Director's report.

4 Progress report on implementation

4.1 Annual meetings/4.2 Progress reports/4.3 Red and yellow programmes

The Committee discussed in detail (i) the Beneficiary States (Greece, Slovakia, Spain and Romania) for which an annual meeting or semi-annual meeting is scheduled to take place before the next Committee meeting and (ii) the Beneficiary States (Bulgaria and the Czech Republic) for which an annual meeting had taken place since the September Committee meeting.

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 Reallocation between programmes

The Committee (EEA Financial Mechanism) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) decided on reallocation requests between programmes. Reallocation requests had been received from Poland, Romania, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Lithuania and the Slovak Republic.

5.2 Delegation of tasks from the FMC to the FMO

The Committee adopted the modifications to the FMC Decision of 25 January 2012 'Concerning the of 25 January 2012 *Concerning the delegation of tasks contained in the Legal Framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 from the Financial Mechanism Committee to the Financial Mechanism Office*'.

5.3 Semi-annual meeting with EU Agency for Fundamental Rights – mandate

The Committee endorsed (i) the mandate for EEA & Norway Grants delegation attending the semi-annual coordination meeting with the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights on 23 October 2014 and (ii) the draft Framework Co-operation Agreement between the FMO and FRA.

6 Issues for discussion

6.1 Administrative budget 2015 – first draft

The FMO presented a first draft for the administrative budget for 2015.

7 Issues for information

7.1 Risk seminar 24 – 25 September 2014

The Committee took note of the FMO's report on the 2014 Risk Seminar.

7.2 Events' calendar

The Committee took note of the Events' calendar.

7.3 Planning wheel

The Committee took note of the planning wheel and the annual meeting dates suggested for 2015.

ANNEX I

List of participants

Iceland

Ms Thóra Magnúsdóttir, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Angantýr Einarsson, Counsellor for Finance and Economic Affairs, Embassy of Iceland

Mr Andri Júlíusson, First Secretary, Embassy of Iceland

Liechtenstein

Mr Dominik Marxer, Counsellor, Liechtenstein Mission to the EU

Ms Julia Walch, Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the EU

Norway

Mr Anders Erdal, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Chairman)

Ms Lise Kleven Grevstad, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Ingrid Schulerud, Ambassador/MoU-Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Signe A. Engli, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Aud Hellstrøm, Minister Counsellor, Norway's Mission to the EU

Ms Tove Skarstein, Ambassador – part of the meeting

FMO - Secretary