

35th Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting

26 June 2014

Conclusions

Adopted 10 September 2014

1 Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted with the following changes: Agenda item 7.1 Administrative budget 2014 – actual expenditure 1st quarter 2014 would be discussed as an introduction to agenda item 5.1 Revised administrative budget 2014. The following would be discussed under 8 Other issues: (i) Geothermal roundtable in Brussels September 2014 and (ii) LV03 – 0139 – Participation of civil society and people in policy making processes in the field of gender equality.

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting

The draft Minutes and the draft Conclusions from the Committee meeting of 7 May 2014 were adopted.

3 Director's assessment

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. The Committee asked the FMO to provide a review on the personnel and capacity situation at the September Committee meeting.

4 Progress report on implementation

4.1 Annual meetings

4.1.1 Annual meeting dates autumn 2014

The Committee agreed tentatively on the annual meeting and semi-annual meeting dates for autumn 2014.

4.2 Progress reports

The Committee discussed the status of implementation and the progress of programmes in the Beneficiary States. The Committee discussed the feedback from the annual meetings that had taken place since the May Committee meeting (Estonia, Poland, Latvia and Romania). 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 – actual expenditure 1st quarter 2014

The Committee took note of the FMO's report on the actual expenditure as at 30 April 2014.

5.2 Revised administrative budget 2014

The decision on the budget revision was deferred to the September Committee meeting.

5.3 Monitoring plan second half of 2014

The Committee approved the addition of the seven programmes to the 2014 monitoring plan.

5.4 Amendments to the Regulation

The Committee adopted the amendments as presented by the FMO. The amendments will be sent for confirmation by the Standing Committee of the EFTA States by written procedure.

6 Issues for discussion

6.1 Reallocation

The deadline for reallocation requests is 1 September 2014 and the Committee expects the FMO to present its assessment of these requests at the September Committee meeting.

7 Issues for information

7.1 Update on the risk assessment

The FMO presented the biannual update of the risk assessment. The Committee took note of the risk assessment update and asked the FMO to aggregate the risk on sector level.

7.2 Events calendar

The Committee took note of the events calendar.

7.3 Planning wheel

The Committee took note of the planning wheel.

8 Other issues

Iceland informed the Committee about the Roundtable on geothermal energy organised in collaboration with the Commission and taking place in Brussels on 19 September 2014. As no further information relevant to the decision had been received by the deadline of 13 May 2014, the Committee confirmed its decision of 12 March 2014 to cancel grant allocation to the project "LV03 – 0139 – Participation of civil society and people in policy making processes in the field of gender equality".

The Icelandic Committee member Kristjan Andri Stefansson and the alternate Norwegian Committee member Steinar Hagen will leave the Financial Mechanism Committee.

9 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 10 September 2014.

List of participants

Iceland

Kristjan Andri Stefansson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland

Angantyr Einarsson, Icelandic Mission to the EU

Liechtenstein

Ulrich von Liechtenstein, Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the EU – part of the meeting

Pascal Schafhauser, Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the EU – part of the meeting

Julia Walch, Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the EU – part of the meeting

Norway

Anders Erdal, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman

Signe Astrid Engli, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Tom Tjomsland, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

FMO - Secretary