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53rd Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting

27 April 2017

Conclusions

Adopted on 21.06.2017

1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted with "Rapid assessment on Roma inclusion" added under item "6 Other issues".

The Chair welcomed the new FMO Director, Mr Henning Stirø.

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting

The draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting were adopted with a correction to the list of participants.

3 Director's assessment

3.1 Progress report including status of programme implementation, disbursements and absorption, country and bilateral engagement and communication

The outgoing Acting Director briefed the Committee on the overall state of play. The Committee took note of the Director's briefing.

4 Issues for decision

4.1 Collusion in public procurement in Slovakia – level of financial corrections

The Slovak National Focal Point (NFP) had been notified by letters dated 13 February 2017 of the Donor's intention to make a financial correction decision regarding the three irregularity cases concerning collusion in public procurement.

The Committee took note of the letters received from the NFP and decided on the financial corrections on the three irregularity cases concerning collusion in public procurement.

4.2 Cost sharing key – adjustment

The Committee will revert to the correction later in 2017.

5 Beneficiary States

The Committee discussed the annual meeting preparations for Estonia (8 May 2017), Hungary (19 May 2017), Poland (8 June 2017), Romania (20 June 2017) and Lithuania (date tbd).

6 Other issues

The Donors requested the FMO organise a rapid assessment on Roma inclusion.

7 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 21 June 2017.

List of participants

Chair – Niels Engelschiøn, Director General, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Iceland

Mr Andri Júlíusson, First Secretary, Embassy of Iceland

Liechtenstein

Ms Helen Lorez, Second Secretary, Mission of Liechtenstein to the EU

Norway

Mr Sjur Larsen, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms Marit Bækkelund Randsborg, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms Torill Johansen, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Tønnes Svanes, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Tom Tjomsland, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

FMO - Secretary