

Final Conclusions
Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14
20th meeting 27 June 2012

1. Meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted with the addition of a new item 6.3 for adoption; Conference on Adaptation to Climate Change in Lisbon.

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

The follow up issues from last meeting were discussed and new issues were listed.

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

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.

5 Overall Country and Programme Risk Assessment

FMO had prepared the first aggregated risk assessment for the funding according to the Risk Management Strategy. The Committee provided their initial feedback and request for follow-up issues; then took note of the information.

6 Issues for adoption

6.1 Statistical information

The FMO presented a reporting framework and the statistical manual for the EEA and Norway Grants. The Committee adopted the statistical manual with comments.

6.2 EEA FM Annual Report to EFTA Standing Committee May 2011-April 2012

The EEA FM Annual Report to EFTA Standing Committee was presented to the Committee in the Committee meeting for the FMs 2004-09. The EEA FM Annual Report to EFTA Standing Committee was adopted with minor editorial changes.

6.3 Conference on Adaptation to Climate Change

The FMO informed the Committee about a conference on Adaptation to Climate Change to be held in Lisbon, October 2013. The conference will be co-hosted by the Portuguese government and the FMO.

The proposal for an EEA and Norway Grants conference on Adaptation to Climate Change was adopted.

7 Issues for discussion

7.1 Focal Point workshop 28 June 2012

The final agenda for the Focal point workshop had been distributed. The Committee took note of the final agenda.

7.2 Risk Management and good governance seminar 11 September 2012

FMO informed the Committee about the draft agenda for the seminar on Risk Management and good governance. The Committee took note of the information.

7.3 Hate speech conference 27-28 November 2012

FMO had distributed an agreed programme and the Committee took note of the information.

7.4 FMO capacity on Romania and Roma related programmes

The Committee discussed the capacity to handle Roma related programmes. FMO was asked to revert with suggestions.

7.5 Events for 2013 and 2014

Events for 2013 and 2014 were discussed and agreed.

8 Issues for information

8.1 Status work plans for bilateral funds at national level

FMO gave an update on status of the bilateral funds at national level and what expectations are communicated to the Beneficiary States with regards to the work plan. It was agreed that the status will be a regular meeting item.

8.2 Disbursement forecast 2012

The FMO presented the disbursement forecast for 2012. The Committee took note of the information.

8.3 Transparency International: "How corrupt is Europe?"

The FMO informed the Committee about the launch of a report from Transparency International combining an overview of 25 countries focusing on corruption issues.

The Committee took note of the information.

8.4 DoRIS and the Donor approval process

The FMO informed the Committee about the development status for DoRIS, and the Committee took note of the information.

8.5 Baseline study on Bilateral Relations

The FMO briefed the Committee on the preparations for a baseline study on bilateral relations. The Committee took note of the briefing.

8.6 Status of Annual Report

This item was discussed in the Committee meeting for FM 2004-09.

8.7 Status of new web-pages

The FMO briefed the Committee on the recent improvements on the website and the timeline for the planned restructuring of the site. The Committee took note of the briefing.

9. Other issues

There were no other issues.

10. Next meeting

The next Committee meeting is planned for 19 September 2012.

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