

51st Financial Mechanism Committee 2009-14 meeting

27 October 2016

Conclusions

Adopted 9.2.2017

1 Meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was approved with the following change: "Election of Chair and Vice-Chair" was added to agenda 7 "Other issues".

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting

2.1 Draft Minutes and Conclusions

The draft minutes and conclusions from the previous meeting were approved.

3 Director's assessment

The 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 Communication review – publication and follow-up

The FMO outlined the main findings of the Communication review conducted by an external evaluation company. The Committee took note of the recommendations and the proposed follow-up. The Committee authorised the FMO to publish the main report with a summary on the FMO web-site and distribute the report and its annexes to relevant stakeholders.

4.2 Gender rapid assessment – publication and follow-up

The FMO informed the Committee of the main findings of the rapid assessment of the gender programmes and outlined the main recommendation of the report. The Committee took note of the recommendations. The Committee authorised the FMO to publish the main report with summary on the FMO website and distribute the report and its annexes to relevant stakeholders.

4.3 Collusion in public procurement in Slovakia – Level of finance corrections

The Committee discussed the three irregularity cases concerning collusion in public procurement.

5 Issues for discussion

5.1 Administrative budget

The Committee took note of the draft budget. The Committee noted that the resource use should be carefully assessed. The Committee requested the FMO to prepare a revised budget proposal to be presented for a decision by the Committee.

6 Beneficiary States

The Committee discussed the Beneficiary States for which annual or semi-annual meetings had been scheduled November 2016 (Czech Republic, Greece (semi-annual meeting), Bulgaria, Slovakia, Portugal).

7 Other issues

Mr Niels Engelschiøn (Norway) was elected as the Chair with an effect from 1 November 2016 and Ms Þóra Magnúsdóttir (Iceland) as the Vice-Chair of the Committee with an effect from 5 December 2016.

8 Next meeting

The Committee will revert to the scheduling of the next meeting.

List of participants

Iceland

Ms Thóra Magnúsdóttir, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Andri Júlíusson, First Secretary, Embassy of Iceland

Liechtenstein

Mr Dominik Marxer, Counsellor, Mission of Liechtenstein to the EU

Norway

Mr Anders Erdal, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Chairman)
Mr Sjur Larsen, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ms Torill Johansen, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Tønnes Svanes, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

FMO - Secretary