

4th Financial Mechanism Committee 2014-2021 meeting

9 February 2017

Conclusions

27.04.2017

1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following amendment: Agenda item 7 'Delegation of responsibilities under the EFTA Staff Rules and Regulations' will be dealt with by written procedure.

2 Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting

The draft Minutes and Conclusions from the previous meeting were adopted.

3 MoU process

The Committee took note of the status of the MoU negotiations.

4 Guidelines for decision

The FMO informed the Committee about the results of the consultation with the National Focal Points and outlined the main comments received to the Guidelines. All comments were assessed by the FMO and changes had been made to the draft Guidelines as deemed necessary. The Committee adopted the following three Guidelines:

- Bilateral Guideline
- Results Guideline
- Educational Guideline

With these three Guidelines adopted the legal framework of the EEA Financial Mechanisms 2014 – 2021 is complete.

5 EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment and EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Co-operation

5.1 Communication plan for the Fund for Youth Employment

The Committee approved the Communication plan for the Fund for Youth Employment with modifications.

5.2 EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment, draft Call for Expression of Interest

The Committee commented the draft Call for Expression of interest.

5.3 EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Co-operation, draft Call for Expression of Interest

The Committee took note of the FMO's memo on the suggested support area and possible measures for the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Co-operation.

6 Delegation of tasks contained in the Legal Framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021 from the FMC to the FMO

The Committee adopted the draft Decision 'Concerning the delegation of tasks contained in the Legal Framework of the Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 from the Financial Mechanism Committee to the Financial Mechanism Office'.

7 Status regarding new information system

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status regarding the work on the new information system.

8 Other issues

There were no other issues.

9 Next meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place on 27 – 28 April 2017.

Annex I

List of participants

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

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FMO - Secretary