

<p>Conclusions Norway Grants Management Meeting 2009-14 4th meeting 1 March 2012 in FMO, Brussels</p>
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## **1. Meeting agenda**

The draft meeting agenda was adopted.

## **2. Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the last meeting**

The Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the last meeting were adopted with amendments to point 3b, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph and point 4d, first paragraph.

Follow-up issues for next meeting:

- Bilateral fund at national level
- Risk management strategy
- Meeting on horizontal programme issues in Poland

## **3. Follow-up issues from last meeting**

### **3.1 Bilateral relations**

#### **3.1.1. Bilateral fund at national level**

The FMO had presented a memorandum including a number of issues regarding the bilateral fund at national level for discussion prior to the meeting. The issues were discussed.

The NMFA underlined that the donors will approve work plans for the bilateral fund at national level where the content is in line with 3.1.3 of the bilateral guidelines.

A Focal Point workshop is planned for June 2012 where the bilateral fund at national level will be further discussed.

#### **3.1.2. Bilateral guideline**

The FMO bilateral coordinator gave a summary of the feedback received on the bilateral guideline during the consultation with the Beneficiary States.

The NMFA discussed a few selected elements. Following this discussion, the Management underlined that the legal basis for implementing guidelines is clear, and is foreseen in the Regulation. Also, a clear ambition is shared both by the NMFA and the FMO to make the Beneficiary States consider bilateral indicators.

## **3.2 Risk Management**

A draft model for a risk management strategy was presented by the FMO and the model was discussed. The management also discussed the various aspects of risk appetite to be considered and specified in the strategy.

The FMO was asked to continue the work on the strategy along the lines discussed in the meeting.

#### **4. Issues for discussion**

##### **4.1 General progress - Director's assessment**

Predefined projects and co-financing in the programmes are the main issues for further discussion with the Beneficiary States. Bi-lateral cooperation, co-financing and predefined projects were discussed on a general level.

##### **4.2 Status of implementation**

The FMO briefed the NMFA on current progress country by country.

###### **4.2.2. Programmes received**

The FMO informed the NMFA that 52 programmes are in-house.

###### **4.2.3. Format for the “status of implementation” document**

FMO had presented a suggested format for “Status of Implementation per Beneficiary States” prior to the meeting. The format was agreed with some visual improvements.

#### **5. Issues for information**

##### **5.1 MoU issues for follow up**

No new issues to report. Signatures for Romania and Portugal are still pending.

#### **6. Other issues**

##### **6.1 Co-financing in programme proposals from Poland**

A general discussion on issues related to the programme proposals from Poland will be held during a planned meeting in the near future between FMO and Poland.

#### **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting is planned for 11 April 2012 in Oslo.

Meeting attendees:

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