

<p>Final Conclusions Norway Grants Management Meeting 2009-14 8th meeting 14 November 2012 in NMFA, Oslo</p>
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1. Meeting agenda

2. Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the last meeting

The draft meeting agenda was adopted with the following amendment:
Item 3 GRDs was moved and discussed last.

2. Draft Minutes and Conclusions from the last meeting

The Draft Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted and the outstanding issues were reviewed.

The Draft Conclusions were adopted with the following amendments:

Item 3 Follow up issues, 2nd paragraph: ‘The preparations for the seminar “Living in diversity” 4 October 2012 in Cyprus were discussed’, was replaced by ‘The preparations for the seminar “Living in diversity” 4 October 2012 in Cyprus should be prioritized’.

Item 4.2.5 Bilateral issues, entire 2nd paragraph replaced by new text:
‘The NMFA informed about the relevance of including activities under the bilateral funds where the research institution sector could participate’.

3. Bilateral Funds at National level

The NMFA underlined that after approving GRDs, the work plans for bilateral funds at national level is work priority number one.

The strategy for approval of work plans before the end of the year was discussed.

Implementation systems were also discussed. The FMO underlined the need for case by case treatment; a view shared by the NMFA.

Several Focal Points have requested training in bilateral issues early next year.

4. CCS status in Poland and Romania

FMO informed about the status of the Romanian CCS programme.

The NMFA requested that the Focal Point urgently inform them about the situation with the GETICA project after the withdrawal decision of the Romanian Government.

The Polish CCS programme has been submitted to the Donors. The pending decision whether the overall Bełchatów CCS project receives the NER 300 funding will influence the FMO's Grant Recommendation.

Any change to the programmes implies amendments to the MoUs.

5. GRD production

The NMFA and the FMO exchanged views on the progress in the GRD production. It was agreed that early consultations FMO-NMFA and FMO-NFP/PO, and conditions on funds for bilateral relations and complementary action were important measures to ensure more efficiency.

6. Information issues

An overview of events was handed out in the meeting. A preliminary discussion on communication priorities for 2013 was held.

The FMO also informed about the progress for the EEA and Norway Grants web pages, and that the redesigned pages will premiere as planned 12 December. FMO also informed that the new programme/project portal is delayed until March 2013 due to DORIS integration challenges. Already approved projects/programmes will be manually published in the meantime.

Annual reporting:

The FMO informed about the yearly reports to the donors. Alternatives for next year's Annual Report were discussed and will be reverted to in the next meeting. The report will be ready before the summer. The FMO conveyed input from the Focal Points regarding the preparation of the Annual Report. NMFA agreed to discuss the issue further.

7. Next meeting

The next Norway Grants management meeting will be held in Brussels 17 January 2012.

Meeting attendees:

From NMFA:

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