

FMO PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY

The EEA and Norway Grants are guided by the principles openness and transparency at all levels of the project cycle. Accordingly, the public access policy of the Financial Mechanism Office (FMO) - which serves as the day-to-day secretariat of the two financial mechanisms - aims to make a series of proactive measures to provide access to key aspects of the financial mechanisms, and will make available documents in the following categories on www.eeagrants.org:

- The legal framework of the financial mechanisms; including the agreements with the European Commission establishing the two financial mechanisms and the *Rules and Procedures* of both mechanisms
- *Guidelines* and *Guides* giving more detailed description of various aspects of the implementation of the financial mechanisms
- Calls for proposals in the beneficiary states that announce the availability of funds to potential applicants
- Grant decisions of the Financial Mechanism Committee (FMC) on applications that have been forwarded for appraisal by the beneficiary states to the EEA Financial Mechanism
- Grant decisions by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) on applications that have been forwarded for appraisal by the beneficiary states to the Norwegian Financial Mechanism
- Conclusions of the FMC meetings
- Summary information, including headline financial data, on supported activities of both financial mechanisms

Due to considerations of the integrity of the decision-making process, the FMO will not grant access to documents relating to specific applications during the appraisal period, but will only grant such access once the FMC and/or the NMFA have made a final decision on the application in question.

Documents not listed above are available upon request from the FMO. All requests for public access to documents related to the financial mechanisms should be sent to the following email address: fmo-access@efta.int

For further information, please see the:
[EFTA States Standing Committee decision no3/2007/SC.](#)