

## EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

CONFIDENTIAL

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Conclusions  
Financial Mechanism Committee  
49<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 28 - 30 April 2009

### 1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### 2 Draft Summary Records and Draft Conclusions of the previous meeting

#### 2.1 Draft Summary Records

The draft summary records were adopted.

#### 2.2 Draft Conclusions

The draft conclusions were adopted.

### 3 Grant applications

#### 3.1 Status of GRD production

As at 27 April 2009 1,117<sup>1</sup> (approximately EUR 1,075 million) commitments had been made, 111 (approximately EUR 98 million) applications had been rejected and 44 (approximately EUR 40 million) had been withdrawn. Approximately EUR 95 million remained to be committed.

#### 3.2 List of approved/rejected projects since 1 April 2009

The Committee took note of the list of approved/rejected projects since 1 April 2009.

#### 3.3 Cyprus

As at 30 April 2009, six commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 4,352,562 had been made for Cyprus. No projects were rejected. EUR 108 remained uncommitted.

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<sup>1</sup> All figures include both the EEA and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

### *3.4 Malta*

As at 30 April 2009, eight commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 3,389,960 had been made for Malta. No projects were rejected. EUR 7 remained uncommitted.

### *3.5 Slovenia*

As at 30 April 2009, 25 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 17,370,925 had been made for Slovenia. Four projects were rejected. EUR 65 remained uncommitted

### *3.6 Czech Republic*

As at 30 April 2009, 144 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 104,579,582 had been made for the Czech Republic. Eight projects were rejected. EUR 119 remained uncommitted.

### *3.7 Estonia*

As at 30 April 2009, 35 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 30,754,145 had been made for Estonia. Six projects were rejected. EUR 313 remained uncommitted.

### *3.8 Portugal*

As at 30 April 2009, 32 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 29,706,394 had been made for Portugal. Four projects were rejected. No funds remained uncommitted.

### *3.9 Latvia*

As at 30 April 2009, 76 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 50,500,175 had been made for Latvia. Three projects were rejected. EUR 184 remained uncommitted.

### *3.10 Lithuania*

As at 30 April 2009, 86 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 63,200,380 had been made for Lithuania. Two projects were rejected. EUR 1,308 remained uncommitted.

### *3.11 Spain*

As at 30 April 2009, 21 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 43,672,875 had been made for Spain. Six projects were rejected. EUR 3,477 remained uncommitted.

### *3.12 Poland*

As at 30 April 2009, 421 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 528,171,435 had been made for Poland. 28 projects were rejected. No funds remained uncommitted.

### *3.13 Greece*

As at 30 April 2009, 52 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 32,067,360 had been made for Greece. Seven projects were rejected. No funds remained uncommitted.

### *3.14 Slovakia*

As at 30 April 2009, 103 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 65,793,221 had been made for Slovakia. 23 projects were rejected. EUR 10 remained uncommitted.

### *3.15 Bulgaria*

As at 30 April 2009, 45 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 20,020,800 had been made for Bulgaria. Six projects were rejected. No funds remained uncommitted.

### *3.16 Romania*

As at 30 April 2009, 43 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 47,510,400 had been made for Romania. Seven projects were rejected. No funds remained uncommitted.

### *3.17 Hungary*

As at 30 April 2009, 101 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 127,364,716 had been made for Hungary. 25 projects were rejected. EUR 290 remained uncommitted.

## **4 Status of commitments on 30 April 2009**

The Committee had confirmed its decisions on projects, project amendments (AMOs) and on the commitments of remaining funds (through AMOs) to funds through the FMO grant management system by 30 April 2009. As for the additional commitments to the funds, the Committee concluded that the matching co-financing would not be required.

As at 30 April 2009, 1,198 commitments for a total grant amount of EUR 1,168,454,929 had been made, 129 (EUR 124,901,003) applications had been rejected, 55 (EUR 48,273,982) projects had been withdrawn. EUR 5,881 remained uncommitted.

The Committee noted that the absorption rate in all beneficiary states was 100% or close to 100%. The FMO will prepare the final statistics for distribution to the Committee.

## **5 Other issues**

There were no other issues.

## **6 Next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be decided later.

## Annex I

### List of participants

#### Iceland

Ms Lilja Sturludóttir, Icelandic Mission to the European Union (part of the meeting)  
Mr Bjarni Vestmann, Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### Liechtenstein

Mr Thomas Bischof, Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the European Union  
Mr Pascal Schafhauser, Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the European Union (part of the meeting)

#### Norway

Mr Anders Erdal, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman  
Ms Hilde Berit Eide, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mr Steinar Hagen, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Ms Vibeke Rysst-Jensen, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

FMO (Secretary)