

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA  
FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

15 December 2009

Conclusions  
Financial Mechanism Committee  
53rd Meeting - 18 November 2009

**1 Meeting agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the following additions under 6 "Other issues": (i) state of play of the DiFi report, (ii) the NGO event in Berlin and (iii) staff changes

**2 Draft Summary Records and Draft Conclusions of the previous Committee meeting**

*2.1 Draft Summary Records of the previous meeting*

The draft Summary Records of the previous meeting were adopted with one clerical correction.

*2.2 Draft Conclusions of the previous meeting*

The draft Conclusions of the previous meeting were adopted.

**3 Status of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism in the Beneficiary States**

*3.1 Status of implementation*

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of implementation in the Beneficiary States.

*3.2 Status of disbursements*

The FMO briefed the Committee on the current status of disbursements.

*3.3 Status of irregularities*

The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of irregularities.

*3.4 Explanatory note on procedures for suspensions and reimbursements*

The Committee took note of the FMO's note "Explanatory note on procedures for suspensions and reimbursements" outlining the current procedures for suspension of payments and reimbursements of payments in connection with irregularities.

*3.5 Preliminary findings - reviews of support to biodiversity and reduction of greenhouse gasses and evaluation of support to Schengen*

The FMO briefed the Committee on the preliminary results of the reviews of support to biodiversity and reduction of greenhouse gasses, and the evaluation of support to the priority sector 'Schengen and the

judiciary’.

### 3.6 *Briefing on the mapping of civil society in Romania*

The FMO briefed the Committee on the mapping of civil society in Romania.

## 4 **Guidelines and policy issues**

### 4.1 *Public Access Policy and Procedures*

The FMO presented an overview of policies and procedures for public access to documents relating to the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

## 5 **Administrative issues**

### 5.1 *Administrative budget 2009, actual figures 3rd quarter*

The Committee took note of the FMO’s report on the actual running expenses, 3rd quarter 2009.

### 5.2 *Planning for budgeting of administrative costs 2010*

The Committee will revert to the 2010 budget in its December meeting.

## 6 **Other issues**

The NMFA informed the Committee of the status of the DiFi report. The FMO briefed the Committee on the NGO event that took place in Berlin and on the FMO staff changes.

## 7 **Next meeting**

The next Committee meeting will take place on 15 December 2009.

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