

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

22 January 2008

Conclusions
Financial Mechanism Committee
30th Meeting - 23 May 2007

1 Meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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

2.1 Draft Summary Records

The Draft Summary Records of the Committee meeting of 16 April 2007 were adopted.

2.2 Draft Conclusions

The Draft Conclusions of the Committee meeting of 16 April 2007 were adopted.

3 Grant applications

3.1 Status of the GRD preparation

As at 15 May 2007 the FMO had received 397 applications. 209 applications or EUR 294 million in grants had been approved. 12 projects had been rejected and 6 withdrawn.

3.2 Projects

The following projects were approved in accordance with the GRD:

CZ0024 - Zlín region cultural heritage

PL0139 - Krzeszyce - thermo-modernisation of the commune school

PT0026 - Sintra - restoration of Monserrate Palace and the Chalet of the Countess of Edla

SK0047 - Martin - replacement of shingle roofing

The following projects were referred to written procedure:

SK0048 - National - Virtual Academy for long-term hospitalised children

PL0096 - Warsaw - Education and research on renewable energy

PL0101 - National - Education on renewable energy

4 Status of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism in the Beneficiary States

4.1 Overview of the status of implementation

The FMO informed the Committee about the status of implementation in the Beneficiary States.

4.2 Overview of Annex C Funds

Status of Annex C Funds was discussed under agenda item 4.1.

4.3 Annual meeting - Hungary 1 June 2007

A premeeting for the annual meeting took place on 22 May 2007. The annual meeting will take place in Budapest on 1 June 2007.

4.4 Annual meeting - Spain 4 June 2007

The annual meeting will take place on 4 June 2007 in Madrid.

4.5 Annual meeting - Poland 13 June 2007

The annual meeting will take place in Warsaw on 13 June 2007. The first part of the annual meeting will be on political level and State Secretary Stubholt (Norway) will lead the donor delegation. A premeeting will be organised in Brussels in the beginning of June.

5 Romania and Bulgaria - preparations

Norway and the FMO gave an update on the discussions with Romania and Bulgaria.

6 Co-operation with the European Commission

6.1 Meeting with the DG REGIO 24 May 2007

The Committee will have a meeting with the DG Regional Policy on 24 June 2007.

7 Guidelines and policy issues

7.1 Efficiency issues: Delegation of tasks related to implementation of projects

The Committee decided to delegate the performance of certain tasks under the Grant Agreement to the FMO. The Beneficiary States will be informed accordingly.

7.2 Guidelines: Amendments to the Rules and Procedures, Co-financing Guide and Block Grants Guideline

The Committee adopted the amendments to the Rules and Procedures. Once the amendments have been approved by the Standing Committee of the EFTA States, the revised Rules and Procedures will be published on www.eeagrants.org.

8 Other issues

There were no other issues.

9 Next meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place on 21 June 2007.

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