

FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

Brussels,
15 February 2007

CONCLUSIONS
Financial Mechanism Committee
16 January 2007

1. Adoption of the Agenda

1. The agenda was adopted with the following change: agenda item 6.2 *Handling of projects running beyond 30 April 2011* would be for discussion (instead of for decision).

2. The Committee meeting 6 December 2007, Draft Summary Records and Draft Conclusions

2. The draft summary records and the draft conclusions from the 6 December 2006 meeting were adopted.

3. Grant Recommendation Documents – for decision (Annex II)

3.1 *PL0056 – Improved quality of medical services in basic healthcare in Wielkopolska*

3. PL0056 was approved in accordance with the GRD.

3.2 *PL0060 – Establishment of TeleInterMed Teleconsulting Center*

4. PL0060 was approved in accordance with the GRD.

3.3 *SK0009 – The Fund for Non-Governmental Organizations to Support Social Inclusion in Slovakia*

5. SK0009 was approved in accordance with the GRD.

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

4.1 *Overview of the status of implementation in the Beneficiary States*

6. The FMO briefed the Committee on the status of the implementation in the Beneficiary States. The total grant amount approved was EUR 137 million and 320 applications had been received by 11 January 2007.

4.2 Poland – status and consultations on speeding up the payment flows

8. The FMO outlined the status of implementation in Poland. By 16 January 2007 46 applications (EUR 93.5 million) had been approved and one project had been rejected. The first applications had been received under the seed money fund.

4.3 Portugal – annual meeting

9. The FMO briefed the Committee on the preparations of the Portuguese annual meeting scheduled for 6 February 2007. The annual reports had been received in time. The Committee confirmed that the annual meeting could take place as scheduled.

5. Co-operation with the European Commission – report by the National Expert – for information

10. The National Expert briefed the Committee on the status of project screening at the Commission. The Committee concluded that the screening process is running smoothly.

6. Guidelines and policy issues

6.1 FMO report on time saving measures

11. The Committee discussed ways to improve efficiency of the implementation of the Financial Mechanism.

6.2 Handling of projects running beyond 30 April 2011

12. The Committee discussed the handling of projects beyond 30 April 2011. The Committee will revert to the matter in due course.

7. Next meeting and planning for first half of 2007

13. The next Committee meeting will take place on 15 February 2007.

ANNEX I

Meeting participants:

Norway:

Mr Anders Erdal, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Chairman*
Mr Steinar Hagen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Arve Skjerpen, Mission of Norway (part of the meeting)

Iceland:

Mr Angantýr Einarsson, Ministry of Finance
Mr Julius Hafstein, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Leifur Eysteinnsson, Mission of Iceland

Liechtenstein:

Mr Pascal Schafhauser, Mission of Liechtenstein

The Commission:

Mr Jan Edøy, National Expert, DG Regional Policy

FMO:

Ms Stine Lundin Andresen
Ms Laura Harjapää
Mr Erik Brynhildsbakken
Ms Marianne Dingstad
Mr Hjörtur Bragi Sverrisson
Mr Matúš Minárik

Other FMO staff participated in part of the meeting.

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