

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
FINANCIAL MECHANISM COMMITTEE

16 September 2008

Conclusions
Financial Mechanism Committee
40th Meeting - 21 May 2008

1 Meeting agenda

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

2.1 Draft Summary Records of the Committee meeting of 16 April 2008

The draft Summary Records of the Committee meeting of 16 April 2008 were adopted.

2.2 Draft Conclusions of the Committee meeting of 16 April 2008

The draft Conclusions of the Committee meeting of 16 April 2008 were adopted.

3 Grant applications

3.1 Status of GRD production

As at 20 May 2008, the FMO had received 817 applications (approximately EUR 913 million). 533 projects (EUR 637 million) had been approved, 40 (EUR 47 million) rejected and 15 projects (EUR 15 million) had been withdrawn.

3.2 Projects approved/rejected since 16 April 2008

The Committee took note of the list of approved/rejected projects since 16 April 2008.

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

4.1 Status of implementation in the Beneficiary States

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

4.2 Annex C Funds

Annex C Funds were discussed under 4.1.

4.3 Annual meeting: Greece 22 May 2008

The Annual Meeting with Greece is scheduled for 22 May 2008 in Brussels.

4.4 Annual meeting: Lithuania 30 May 2008

The annual meeting with Lithuania will take place on 30 May 2008 in Vilnius with site visits (to three projects) on 29 May 2008.

4.5 *Annual meeting: Spain 5 June 2008*

The annual meeting with Spain will take place on 5 June 2008 with a site visit on 6 June 2008.

4.6 *Annual meeting: Poland 11 June 2008*

The annual meeting with Poland will take place on 11 June 2008 in Warsaw with site visits on 12 June 2008.

5 Co-operation with the European Commission

The National Expert briefed the Committee on the status of the screening.

6 Administrative issues

6.1 *The challenges for autumn 2008 - spring 2009*

The Committee discussed a work plan for autumn 2008 - spring 2009. The Committee will revert to the issue at the June meeting.

6.2 *FMC's delegation of responsibilities under the EFTA Staff Rules and Regulations*

The Committee will revert to the issue at the June meeting.

6.3 *FMO administrative budget: actual figures 2007*

The Committee took note of the FMO's report on the actual expenses 2007.

6.4 *FMO administrative budget: actual figures 1st quarter 2008*

The Committee took note of the FMO's report on the actual expenses for the first quarter 2008.

7 Other issues

8 Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2008. The first meeting in the autumn 2008 was tentatively scheduled for 3 September 2008

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