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3rd Extraordinary Annual Meeting of the EEA Financial Mechanism & the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014

Ljubljana, 19 June 2013

Location: The GR- Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre, Dunajska cesta 18, 1000 Ljubljana, 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Co-Chair of the meeting for donor side:

H.E. Ms Tove Skarstein, the Ambassador of Norway

Co-Chair of the meeting for Slovenian side:

Mr Marko Drogenik, Director General of Regional Development and European Territorial Cooperation Directorate, new Head of National Focal Point; by authority Ms Maja Humar, Head of International Affairs and National Authorities Division

PARTICIPANTS:

Ministry of Economic Development and Technology:

Ms Mojca Pokorn, International Affairs and National Authorities Division

FMO:

Mr Thorsteinn Björnsson, Country Officer

Mr Andreas Aabel, Bilateral Officer

Embassy of Norway:

Mr Andreas Myrseth

THE PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by the Focal Point and the Donor States
2. Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding
3. Other outstanding issues

1. Opening remarks by the Focal Point and the Donor States

Ms Humar said that she is pleased to welcome the participants of the launching event and introduced the participants at the Slovenian side. Ms Humar explained the reasons for the changes regarding the Head of the National Focal Point.

H.E. Ms Tove Skarstein, the Ambassador of Norway, welcomed the participants and expressed satisfaction with the high level of participation at the launching event for the EEA FM Programme, Norwegian FM Programme and NGO Fund. She also expressed satisfaction that the Minister of Economic Development and Technology opened the launching event.

After a short introduction of both delegations the proposed agenda was adopted.

2. Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding

Regarding the technical procedure of adopting the amendments to the MoUs, H.E. Ms Tove Skarstein explained that the documents for the amendment of the MoUs were prepared at the FMO and include the Exchange of letters for the amendment of the EEA MoU and the Norwegian MoU and proposed amendments of Annexes A for both MoUs. The documents were submitted to NFP electronically prior to this meeting for information. The amendments to Annexes A of the MoUs will be formalized with the minutes of this meeting and the formal exchange of letters.

The participants went through Annex A of both MoUs pointing out the organizational change regarding the Head of NFP. The previous Head of NFP - Deputy Director General was replaced by the Director General of the Regional Development and European Territorial Co-operation Directorate.

Both parties approved the suggested amendments to the Annexes of the MoUs. It was decided that the NFP will prepare the draft minutes of the meeting and submit it within 2 weeks to the FMO by the NFP.

3. Other outstanding issues

Ms Maja Humar briefly updated the participants on the employment of 2 additional staff working on SI02 and SI05 Programmes. The selection procedures have been completed for one person, for the other the selection procedure will be completed in the beginning of July and in due time, the selected candidates will be employed and will most probably start work in August 2013. H.E. Ms Tove Skarstein also informed the participants of the meeting about the new staff at the Norwegian Embassy in Budapest. Additional employee will cover Slovenia and will be available in Slovenia approximately once per month.

H.E. Ms Tove Skarstein also informed the participants that in September she is planning a visit on the spot for some projects from the programming period 2004-2009. She asked the Slovenian National Focal Point to make a list of recommended projects for site visits, which would include also the less successful projects.

At the conclusion of the meeting Ms Tove Skarstein congratulated Mr Marko Drofenik for taking over the position of Head of NFP and underlined that she is always available to Slovenian NFP for assistance. Mr Drofenik thanked her and invited her to visit the typical Slovenian village when she visits Slovenia in September 2013.

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