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EEA and Norway Grants Annual Meeting

14 May 2014

Agenda

- Opening remarks; adoption of agenda
- Status of implementation, risk management/Transparency International report
- Bilateral relations
- Strategic Reports' approval

Commitments made by the POs:

	31 December 2013			6 May 2014	
	Grant	committed	%	committed	%
Water management	6 900 000	1 570 727	23%	4 263 384	62%
Children at risk	6 505 000	2 491 473	38%	3 229 443	50%
Public health	8 912 000	6 583 000	74%	8 172 429	92%
Research	3 000 000	1 392 908	46%	2 050 788	68%
Gender equality	2 000 000	1 047 792	52%	1 527 879	76%
Domestic violence	2 000 000	1 393 624	70%	1 614 624	81%
Green innovation	6 000 000	3 391 631	57%	3 632 681	61%
Scholarships	1 600 000	535 599	33%	561 479	35%
Cultural heritage	4 510 000	3 711 618	82%	4 100 224	91%

Calls for proposals:

	2013	2014
Water management	2 calls launched, grant decisions April 2014	1 last call to be launched in 2nd Q
Children at risk	2 calls launched, decisions December 2013 and March 2014	1 call 1Q – appraisal ongoing, 1 call open till 10 September, 1 last call to be launched 2Q
Public health	3 calls launched, grant decisions of 2 calls - 2013, last decisions June 2014	no more calls
Research	1 call, grant decisions August 2013	no more calls
Gender equality	2 calls launched, decisions October 2013	SGS open till 2 June 2014
Domestic violence	3 calls launched, decisions October 2013, and one call April 2014	SGS open till 2 June 2014
Green innovation	2 calls launched	last call 1Q, grant decisions in May
Scholarships	3 calls launched (1 rolling call)	2 calls 1Q – decisions in May; 1 call 1Q 2015
Cultural heritage	2 calls launched, decisions Sept 2013 and January 2014	SGS 1Q – appraisal ongoing

Disbursements made by the POs:

	31 Dec 2013			6 May 2014		6 May 2014	
	Grant	Approved expenditures	%	Approved expenditures	%	Incl. advanced payment	%
Water management	6 900 000	53 350	0,77%	72 646	1,05%	1 280 713	18,56%
Children at risk	6 505 000	155 053	2,38%	188 094	2,89%	581 501	8,94%
Public health	8 912 000	122 046	1,37%	242 078	2,72%	1 738 000	19,50%
Research	3 000 000	126 416	4,21%	129 845	4,33%	1 053 339	35,11%
Gender equality	2 000 000	47 872	2,39%	86 783	4,34%	336 075	16,80%
Domestic violence	2 000 000	98 123	4,91%	135 012	6,75%	519 074	25,95%
Green innovation	6 000 000	344 681	5,74%	567 158	9,45%	567 158	9,45%
Scholarships	1 600 000	61 709	3,86%	62 319	3,89%	284 205	17,76%
Cultural heritage	4 510 000	87 461	1,94%	96 271	2,13%	259 156	5,75%

Transparency International corruption risk report:

High risk factors

- Large grant amount
- High number of pre-defined projects
- POs' earlier association with corruption cases
- Procurement and sector risk

Recommendations from risk analysis 2013:

- Clearer guidelines for setting up management and control systems to ensure integral quality (e.g. scale of controls, templates for contracts, common interpretation of donors' guidelines)
- Agreement on legal framework ASAP
- More communication (common solving of common problems , cooperation between POs, prevention of other's mistakes)
- Separate guidelines for POs on Structural Funds Operational System (SFOS)
- Inclusion of POs into SF trainings + training regarding content monitoring ASAP (general knowledge is necessary when working out application forms and training project promoters)

Bilateral relations

- Bi-lateral Relations Fund at National Level
 - budget - € 243 000, remaining € 82 069
 - 2013 – one event - municipal conference in Pärnu in March
- Within programmes - 12 launching events/
partner days/co-operation seminars April – Dec
(in addition Cooperation Committee meetings)
- Status of the ideas discussed at the AM May 2014
 - experience sharing in the field of public participation in policy making processes
 - ski seminar follow-up
- New ideas – co-operation between Estonian and Norwegian swimming associations

Thank you!

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