



# The Summary of the Minutes of

## the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the EEA FM and NFM 2009-2014 and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the EEA FM and NFM 2004 - 2009

**Date:**

7<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 11:30 a.m.

**Venue:**

The Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic, Hotel Bôrik Bratislava, conference room A215

**General:**

The second Annual Meeting of the EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009 – 2014 and the sixth Annual Meeting of the EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2004 – 2009 took place with the participation of representatives of Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bratislava, Financial Mechanism Office in Brussels, Ministry of Finance of the SR (Audit Authority and Certifying Authority) and Office of the Government of the SR (National Focal Point).

**Introduction:**

Mr. Jaroslav Mojžiš, the director of the Department of management and implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. Within his speech Mr. Mojžiš mentioned the successful Launching Conference of the EEA and Grants 2009 – 2014 which was held the day before and which captured big public's interest.

Mr. Anders Erdal, as the Chairman of the Financial Mechanism Committee also stated that the Launching Conference was very positive and it was nice to see the great interest of the participants and the public. Further it was said that many achievements were made within the previous programming period of the Grants in Slovak Republic; the awareness of Grants has raised, many good results have been achieved, there has been a strong focus on bilateral issues.

The meeting agenda was divided in two main parts:

- The last (sixth) Annual Meeting of the EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 04 - 09 with presentation of Final Report and Evaluation Report, which were both prepared by the NFP.
- The second Annual Meeting Annual Meeting of the EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 09 - 14

**Block 1: EEA and Norway Grants 04 – 09:**

1. Brief presentation on the Final Report and the Evaluation report was presented by Mr. Mojžiš / National Focal Point;
2. The final figures of financial implementation for the previous programming period 2004 – 2009 was presented by Mrs. Andrea Brezanová / Certifying Authority;
3. The use of the Maintenance Fund and the monitoring obligations were discussed within this point (Mr. Mojžiš / National Focal Point).



The Donors informed that the programming period 04-09 will be officially closed by an exchange of letters when both sides are ready, when all PCRs will be approved and all debit notes will be settled up. This is supposed to be done in 2013.

**Block 2: EEA and Norway Grants 09 – 14:**

1. Audit Authority (AA) / Mrs. Doliňáková - Brief presentation of the **Audit plan for 2013**. The Audit Authority informed the participants about planned audit of management and control systems in accordance with Regulations Article 4.8 .
2. National Focal Point (NFP) / Mr. Mojžiš - General information **on the Strategic Reports and their brief updates** were presented by Mr. Mojžiš including the news about the Programme Agreements for four programmes (SK02 Adaptation to Climate Change, SK04 Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion, SK07 Green Industry Innovation, SK09 Domestic and Gender-based Violence). The mentioned Programme Agreements were signed on 6 November 2012 at the Launching Conference of the EEA FM and NFM 2009 – 2014 in Bratislava. According to the Donors the Strategic Reports give a good overview of the implementation status.
3. National Focal Point (NFP) / Mr. Mojžiš - **Proposed changes and updates to Annex A, B of Memoranda of Understanding** related to possible reallocations and using of financial reserves within the Programmes.
4. National Focal Point (NFP) / Mr. Mojžiš - **Bilateral fund at National Level**  
The NFP informed about receiving the comments of the Donors on the first version of work plan. The updated version will be sent to the FMO as soon as possible.
5. National Focal Point (NFP) / Mr. Striženec - **Information and Publicity** at the national level were presented. The information was focused mainly on evaluation of communication activities which were carried out in previous period (2012) and plan of communication activities for 2013 was introduced.
6. **Discussion** focused on: launching of the 1<sup>st</sup> Calls for proposals within approved Programmes and other remaining issues.

**Closure:**

Mr Mojžiš thanked all participants for a fruitful meeting. He also thanked to Ms Rysst-Jensen and Mr Aasen for a great cooperation during the previous years and all work done for the Slovak Republic.

Mr Erdal thanked once again for the successful conference which was well organized and appreciated big public's interest which is a good sign for further implementations of Grants in the Slovak Republic.