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STEERING BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 2016

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EFSI STEERING BOARD – MEETING 14/2016

Minutes of the meeting held at the EIB Offices in Brussels on Monday, 6 June 2016

Those attending:

Steering Board members:

Mr G. Thomas (EC) Mr B. Angel (EC) Mr A. Fayolle (EIB) – by video-conference Ms I. Schwimann (EC)

Steering Board alternate members:

Experts:

Ms S. Valtonen (EC) Ms. G. Buturoui, Mr E. MacMillan and Mr C. Kuhn (EIB) – for item 4, by video-conference Ms. I. Young-Protzel, Mr JW van der Kaaij and Mr B. De Laat – for item 5, by video-conference

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Ms K. Kaszasova (EIB) Ms E. Bois-Willaert (EIB) – by video-conference Ms O. Pascenco (EIB) Minutes (FINAL) – SB/14/2016, Steering Board meeting on 6 June 2016

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 08:30 on 6 June 2016.

1. Quorum

It was recorded that there was a quorum.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. <u>FOR DECISION</u> Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 10 May 2016 (PV/16/13)

The draft minutes of the 13th Steering Board meeting, held on 10 May 2016 at the EIB Offices in Brussels were approved with minor modifications.

4. <u>FOR DISCUSSION</u> Supervision of the Risk Profile

Representatives of EIB Risk Management and Operations Directorates presented to the Steering Board information related to the risk profile of EFSI operations as of mid-May 2016. Update on implementation of innovation and infrastructure window and of SME window, data per countries, sectors, counterparts and products were presented. The following key points were highlighted:

- (i) <u>Disbursements</u>: the Steering Board agreed that information on disbursements shall be reflected in the next risk profile assessment.
- (ii) <u>Multiplier:</u> the Steering Board took note of a multiplier close to 15 (currently 14.6), bearing in mind that the multiplier will be assessed ex post and based on the portfolio of EFSI projects over the period of implementation of EFSI.
- (iii) <u>Risk rating:</u> the Steering Board took note of the portfolio's average risk rating encouraging EIB to pursue higher risk debt operations.
- (iv) <u>Risk coverage:</u> the Steering Board took note of information that for the first year of EFSI operations, debt operations risks were covered at 100% by the EU guarantee.

5. <u>FOR DISCUSSION</u> EIB Mid-Term Evaluation of EFSI

In line with EFSI Regulation, the EIB should regularly evaluate and report on operations supported by the EFSI with a view to assessing their relevance, performance and impact, including their additionality and added value, as well as

to identifying aspects that could improve future activities. By 5 January 2017, the EIB shall evaluate the functioning of the EFSI and submit its evaluation to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

The Steering Board discussed the EFSI mid-term evaluation Terms of Reference conducted by EIB, describing the methodology and calendar of implementation, and noted the following:

- (i) Additionality should be highlighted as key element for evaluation
- (ii) Evaluation should define relationships between EIB policies and EFSI Strategic orientations, cover complementarity of existing EIB products with EFSI as well as complementarity of EIB and EIF
- (iii) Evaluation should cover the period starting not earlier than September 2014 till mid-2016
- (iv) Appropriate consultation process should be envisaged, with interviews to be organised with Steering Board members, clients (especially NPBs), Commission services (under the coordination of DG ECFIN), EFSI Investment Committee members, EFSI Managing Director and EFSI Deputy Managing Director.

The Chairman of the Steering Board interrupted the meeting at 10:30 to meet representatives of the civil society. The meeting re-started at 11:30.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. Public Stakeholders' consultation event

In line with EFSI Regulation and Steering Board Policy Paper on Stakeholders consultation on the orientation and implementation of the EFSI Investment policy (document 08-2016), the Steering Board would like to organize an event in order to consult relevant stakeholders on the orientation and implementation of the investment policy carried out by the EIB under the EFSI Regulation.

The Steering Board agreed to hold this event on the 7th September 2016, in Luxembourg.

6.2. Update of the EFSI Strategic Orientations

The Steering Board had a preliminary discussion on the basis of a draft EIB Equity Strategy, to further develop and update the EFSI Strategic Orientations document adopted at the end of 2015.

The Steering Board suggested to further discuss this topic in a next meeting, on the basis of a joint proposal from EIB and Commission.

6.3. Date for next Steering Board meeting

The Steering Board decided to convene its next meeting in the EIB offices in Luxembourg, on 4^{th} July starting at 12:30.

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12:30.

Schedule A

Decisions taken by the Steering Board (Meeting 14/2016)

Agenda Item	Description	Decision taken
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2016	The Steering Board unanimously approved the minutes with minor changes.