

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 221/2018**  
**of 26 October 2018**  
**amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2021/504]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to include Council Recommendation of 15 March 2018 on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The following indent is added in paragraph 8 of Article 4 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

‘— **32018 H 0502:** Council Recommendation of 15 March 2018 on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships (OJ C 153, 2.5.2018, p. 1).’

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification to the EEA Joint Committee under Article 103(1) of the Agreement (\*).

*Article 3*

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 26 October 2018.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*  
*The President*  
Oda Helen SLETNES

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 153, 2.5.2018, p. 1.

<sup>(\*)</sup> No constitutional requirements indicated.