

# EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

## FORUM OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE EEA EFTA STATES

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### THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE EEA EFTA FORUM

*Stykkishólmur*

*6-7 June 2016*

10:30 – 17:30

09:15 – 13:00

#### AGENDA

##### **Day 1 – Monday 6 June:**

*Arrival of Norwegian participants – bus from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik*

*10:30 Opening of the meeting at the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Rauðarárstíg 25, 105 Reykjavík*

##### **1. The EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021 and Iceland's European Policy**

Mr Högni S. Kristjánsson, Ambassador, Directorate for External Trade and Economic Affairs

*11:30 Bus transport to Stykkishólmur, lunch and preparatory meetings at the Settlement Center, Borgarnes*

*15:00 Meeting resumes in Stykkishólmur*

##### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

##### **3. Approval of minutes from the twelfth meeting, Brussels, 16-17 November 2015**

##### **4. Roundtable on current affairs:**

- Current local/regional affairs in Iceland, Norway and Switzerland

##### **5. Recent developments in the EEA**

Mr Georges Baur, Assistant Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat

Mr Matthias Brinkmann, Head of Delegation, European Union Delegation to Iceland

*16:15 -16:30 Coffee break*

##### **6. The EU Circular Economy Package and implications for local and regional authorities**

Ms Babette Winter, State Secretary for Europe and Culture in the Thuringia State Chancellery, CoR Rapporteur on an EU action plan for the Circular Economy

Mr Lúðvík E. Gústafsson, Environmental Expert, Icelandic Association of Local Authorities

*Viewpoints from members*

*Presentation by the rapporteur and adoption of opinion*

*17:30 End of Day 1*

*18:30 Reception, sightseeing and joint dinner at Restaurant Narfeyrarstofa*

**Day 2 – Tuesday 7 June:**

*09:15 Start of meeting*

**7. The EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021**

Ms Gunnbjörg Návík, Special Adviser, Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities

Mr Roland Krimm, Representative of the Swiss Cantons, Mission of Switzerland to the EU

*Viewpoints from members*

*Presentation by the rapporteur and adoption of opinion*

**8. Update on the ongoing negotiations on free trade and investment partnerships (TTIP and TiSA)**

Mr Matthias Brinkmann, Head of Delegation, European Union Delegation to Iceland

*Viewpoints from members*

*10:30 -10:45 Coffee break*

**9. Migration management, the refugee crisis in Europe and implications for local and regional authorities**

Mr Óttarr Proppé, Parliamentarian, Icelandic Parliament

*Viewpoints from members*

**10. Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair**

**11. Next meeting (Brussels)**

**12. Any other business**

*13:30-14:30 Lunch in Grundarfjörður*

*14:30 Bus excursion around Snæfellsnes Peninsula and presentation on West Iceland, regional strengths and challenges by Ms Kristín Björg Árnadóttir, President, Regional Municipal Federation of Western Iceland then direct transfer to Reykjavík and Keflavík*