



EFTA Secretariat
12-16 Rue Joseph II, 1000 Brussels

EFTA Introductory Seminar on the EEA

Thursday, 13 September 2018
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- 08:30-09:00 **Registration and Coffee**
- 09:00-09:15 **Welcome**
Henri Gétaz, EFTA Secretary-General
- 09:15-09:35 **Introduction: EFTA and the EEA Agreement in historical context**
Hege Marie Hoff, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat
- 09:35-10:10 **Functioning of the EEA Agreement and role of the Secretariat**
Brit Helle, Director of Internal Market Division, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:10-10:40 **Incorporation: How EU law becomes EEA law**
Kyrre Isaksen, Head of EEA Legal Coordination, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:40-11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00-11:30 **Surveillance: How EEA law is enforced**
Catherine Howdle, Deputy Director of Legal and Executive Affairs, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 11:30-12:00 **Judicial control: How EEA law is interpreted**
Olafur Einarsson, Registrar, EFTA Court
- 12:00-12:30 **How EEA and Norway Grants reduce disparities and strengthen cooperation**
Tom Tjomsland, Head of Compliance and Administration Department, EEA and Norway Grants
- 12:45 **Lunch**
- 14:00-16:30 **Break-out sessions in different sectors** (see topics and schedule on next page)
- 16:30-17:30 **Networking Reception**



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- 14:00-16:30 **Sector specific break-out sessions as illustrations of how the EEA Agreement works and its market implications**
- 14:00-14:45 **GDPR: How it was extended to the EEA EFTA States**
Elín Sif Kjartansdóttir, Senior Officer, EFTA Secretariat
- 14:45-15:30 **EU MFF 2021-2027 – Participation of EFTA States in EU Programmes**
Egill Eyjólfsson, Budget Officer, EFTA Secretariat
- 15:30-16:15 **Brexit – Possible implications for the EEA**
Andri Lúthersson, Deputy Secretary-General
- 16:15-16:30 **Closing remarks and questions**

Moderator: Thorfinnur Omarsson, Head of Communications, EFTA Secretariat
- 16:30-17:30 **Networking Reception**