

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 170/2018**

**of 6 July 2018**

**amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement,  
on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

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 the EEA Agreement to include Decision (EU) 2017/864 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on a European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018)<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2018,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Article 5 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. In paragraph 5, the words “, in the programme referred to in the fifteenth indent as from 1 January 2018” shall be inserted after the words “in the programme referred to in the fourteenth indent as from 1 January 2014”.
2. The following indent shall be added in paragraph 8:  
‘- **32017 D 0864**: Decision (EU) 2017/864 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on a European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018) (OJ L 131, 20.5.2017, p. 1).’

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 131, 20.5.2017, p. 1.

\* No constitutional requirements indicated.

*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, 6 July 2018.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*Oda Helen Sletnes*

*The Secretaries  
to the EEA Joint Committee*

*Dag Wernø Holter    Vaclav Navratil*