

**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**

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*

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

\* No constitutional requirements indicated.

*The President*

*Oda Helen Sletnes*

*The Secretaries  
To the EEA Joint Committee*

*Hege M. Hoff*

*Mikołaj Karłowski*

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