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EFTA Seminar on the EEA – Spring 2009

Programme

Moderator: *Lars Erik Nordgaard, Director, EEA Co-ordination Division, EFTA*

Thursday, 11 June 2009

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-9:45 **Introduction**
Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General, EFTA
- 9:45-10:45 **Policy shaping in the EEA and the role of the Secretariat**
Marius Vahl, Officer, EEA Co-ordination Division, EFTA

*Ásta Magnúsdóttir, Director, Services, Capital, Persons & Programmes
Division, EFTA*
- 10:45-11:00 **A view from the Commission**
*Peter Meyer, International Relations Officer, DG Relex European
Commission*
- 11:00-11:15 **Discussion**
- 11:15-11:30 *Coffee*
- 11:30-12:15 **The EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) as the EEA watchdog**
Per Sanderud, President, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 12:15-14:00 *Lunch*



- 14:00-14:45 **The role of the EFTA Court**
Skúli Magnússon, Registrar, EFTA Court
- 14:45-15:00 *Coffee*
- 15:00-15:45 **The EEA Financial Mechanisms: Principles and priorities**
Sigve Soldal Bjorstad, Head of Information, Financial Mechanism Office
- 15:45-18:00 *Reception hosted by Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General of EFTA*

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- 09:30-10:15 **Social policy in Europe: What role for the EU?**
Fritz von Nordheim Nielsen, Policy Officer, European Commission
- 10:15-11:30 **The view of the EFTA social partners**
Sigrún Kristjánsdóttir, Permanent Delegate, Brussels office of the Confederation of Icelandic Employers

Knut Arne Sanden, Permanent Delegate, Brussels office of the Confederation of Norwegian Trade Unions
- Social policy in the EEA**
Anne Camilla Hilton, Officer, Services, Capital, Persons & Programmes Division, EFTA
- 11:30-12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00-12:15 **Concluding remarks**
Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA