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EFTA Seminar on the EEA and Bilateral Trade Agreements

Programme

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

Thursday, 27 May 2010

- 9:00-9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30-9:45 **Introduction**
Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat
- 9:45-10:45 **Policy shaping in the EEA and the role of the Secretariat**
Tore Grønningsæter, Information Officer, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:45-11:30 **The role of the EFTA Court**
Skúli Magnússon, Registrar, EFTA Court
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee
- 12:00-12:45 **The EFTA Statistical Office**
Gabriel Gamez, Head, EFTA Statistical Office
- 12:45-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:15 **The EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) as the EEA watchdog**
Per Sanderud, President, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee
- 15:30-16:15 **The EEA Financial Mechanisms: principles and priorities**
Sigve Soldal Bjorstad, Head of Information, Financial Mechanism Office
- 16:15-18:30 Reception hosted by Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General of EFTA**



Friday, 28 May 2010

Approaches to bilateral free trade agreements: EFTA and the EU

- 09:30-10.15 **20 years of EFTA free trade agreements: from the 1990 Goteborg Declaration until today**
Didier Chambovey, Deputy Secretary General, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:15-11.00 **The EU's bilateral free trade agreements: what changes under the Lisbon Treaty?**
João Aguiar Machado, Deputy Director General, DG Trade, European Commission
- 11.00-11.15 *Coffee*
- 11.15-12.00 **EFTA and the EU: two approaches to bilateral free trade agreements**
Stephen Woolcock, Lecturer in International Relations, London School of Economics; Head, LSE International Trade Policy Unit
- 12:00-12.15 **Concluding remarks**
Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat