



EFTA Secretariat
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13-14 September 2012

EFTA Seminar on the EEA

Programme

Moderator: *Marius Vahl, Senior Officer, EEA Coordination Division, EFTA*

Thursday, 13 September 2012

- 9:00-9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30-9:45 **Introduction**
Kristinn F. Arnason, Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat
- 9:45-10:45 **EEA and Norway Grants – reducing disparities and strengthening cooperation in Europe**
Sigve Soldal Bjørstad, Deputy Head of Communication, Reporting and Evaluation, Financial Mechanism Office
- 10:45-11:30 **Policy shaping in the EEA and the role of the Secretariat**
Tore Grønningsæter, Information and Communication Officer, EFTA Secretariat
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee
- 12:00-12:45 **The EFTA Statistical Office**
Kurt Wass, Deputy Head, EFTA Statistical Office
- 12:45-14:15 Lunch
- 14:15-15:00 **The EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) as the EEA watchdog**
Oda Helen Sletnes, President, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee
- 15:15-16:00 **The EFTA Court**
Kjartan Björgvinsson, Legal Secretary in the Chambers of Judge Páll Hreinsson
- 16:00-18:15 **Reception hosted by the Secretary-General**



The evolution of the Single Market and the EEA Agreement - 20 years on

Friday, 14 September 2012

- 09:30-10.15 **20 years of Single Market and EEA – What lessons to draw?**
Jacques Pelkmans, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- 10:15-11.00 **Designing Differentiated Integration: What can we learn from the EEA?**
Christian Frommelt, Liechtenstein Institute
- 11.00-11.45 **Taking the single market forward : the Single Market Act**
Georg E. Riekeles, European Commission, DG Internal Market and Services