

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 109/2014****of 16 May 2014****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 Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly, in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Article 1 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following is added in paragraph 5:

‘— **32013 R 1291**: Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Liechtenstein shall be exempted from the participation in, and the financial contribution to, this programme.’

2. The following is added in paragraph 11(a):

‘, as amended by:

— **32013 R 1292**: Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 174).’

3. The text of paragraph 11(b) is deleted.

*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 2014.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 174.

(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.

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*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, 16 May 2014.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*

*The President*

Gianluca GRIPPA

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