

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 157/2014****of 9 July 2014****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2015/92]**

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 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is added in paragraph 5 of Article 2 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

— **32013 R 1316:** Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129).

The EFTA States shall only participate in the telecommunications sector of the Connecting Europe Facility.

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

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.

*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, 9 July 2014.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

Kurt JÄGER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.